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IGNATIUS JNO. RICE, Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk. Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk, City Hall, Dublin, 2nd January, 1931. K.A.A.

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# MOTOR NOTES AND NEWS.

## Northern Ireland Roads Act : An Unexpected Development : How it hits Free State Insurance Companies and Motorists.

IN these notes last week attention was called to the fact that the Northern Ireland Roads Act, 1930, which came into force on the 1st of this month, made it compulsory on all Free State motorists entering Northern Ireland territory in their cars to be in possession of a certificate declaring that they are covered against third party risk while driving cars, and that in entering Northern territory without such a certificate they left themselves open to serious penalties.

This was the generally accepted interpretation of the clause of the Act dealing with third party risk, but the Northern authorities have read into it a construction that has created a serious position for Free State motorists who are insured with a Free State company, and are in the habit of visiting Northern Ireland, as well as for all solely controlled Free State insurance companies.

It would appear that the Northern Ministry, which has charge of the Roads Act, will not accept the certificate for third party risk from a Free State insurance company unless such company has an office in Northern Ireland or Great Britain, and has lodged a sum of £15,000 with either of these two Governments, which is required as a guarantee from foreign insurance companies operating in these respective countries.

### THE PRESENT POSITION.

Since the Act came into operation several Free State motorists, who are insured with Free State companies, have made application to their respective companies for these certificates in order to enter Northern Ireland territory, but when the companies applied to the Automobile Association, which is the recognised issuing authority to grant the certificates, it was unable to do so. The matter is one of much importance, both for Free State motorists and Free State insurance companies, and unless a way out of the difficulty can be found, the reciprocal arrangements which have existed between the North and South since the establishment of the border so far as the motor tourist traffic is concerned, will go by the board, and intercourse between the people of the two parts of Ireland will be seriously checked, to the regret of all good Irishmen who are anxious for a development of the present friendly relations between North and South.

The clause in the Act which makes third-party insurance compulsory is in the same terms as the clause in the British Act. It says: "A visitor who is a holder of a policy of insurance outside Great Britain in respect of third-party risks arising out of the driving by him of a motor vehicle in Northern Ireland may make application to an issuing authority for a certificate (hereinafter called a certificate of foreign insurance). The issuing authorities are the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association, the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, and the County Council."

### HOW THE FREE STATE IS HIT.

Under the British Act the

# BOOKS OF THE WEEK

## DEMOS.

**A Realist Looks at Democracy. By Alderton Pink. London: Benn. 10/6 net.**

MR. PINK lacks faith in domocracy, and admits his unbelief. Moreover, he does not anticipate that democracy, at least so long as it worked on any present system, will lead to anything save ruin.

"The supreme danger," he says, "will come from our mistakes and failures in organising human relationships, both nationally and internationally and from our inability to create the wisdom needed to direct our suddenly and marvellously increased power." This matter of "the necessary wisdom" is to Mr. Pink as it is to all reasonable people, the democratic crux. More and more power has been collected into the hands of the people; but has there been a corresponding increase of intelligence among the people that will enable them to use their power for the best ends? Mr. Pink contends that there has not. Acquired intelligence demonstrably is not transmitted to descendants; and the increase of popular education has not helped matters; for "education cannot create ability where the seeds are lacking; it can only develop to the full the qualities born in the individual." As Mr. Aldous Huxley puts it in his introduction, the people is not "congenitally more educable." At present the human material on which education has to work is sadly deficient, even though the majority of the population "in a country like our own grow up . . . in surroundings that have no seriously deleterious effect on their mental growth." Mr. Pink, therefore, is "prepared to doubt whether, even if reared in ideal conditions, the next few generations would be markedly superior to ours in mental capacity and achievement. . . . . If we are careful to distinguish theory from fact, we must formulate our social and political plans on the assumption that the human material with which we work will remain pretty much what it is for as many generations as we are likely to be concerned with."

Physically, morally and mentally, says Mr. Pink, we have not progressed in accordance with the advance of democratic institutions. If anything, the popular Press, standardised popular literature, the cinema, "publicity," mechanised entertainment, instead of elevating the average level, are, thanks to faulty and conscienceless administration, debasing it. The debasement will continue. "It is clear that these influences have by no means reached the peak of their activity; those who control them are constantly elaborating new methods calculated to produce even more striking results in the future."

What is Mr. Pink's remedy? "The generality of mankind will always respond more readily to the forces that supply them with ready-made opinions and stimulate their instincts and emotions than to those which appeal to their reason, so that the part of education which consists in surrounding them with the right to mental and emotional atmosphere becomes all-important." Press, films and stage must be controlled in some form or other by the State. "We must give ultimate authority to a class which is independent of mass-clamour, and in which the principle of leadership is given full play. The business of the ruling class will be no less than to direct the whole of social thought and activity in accordance with the best ideals of our culture." While organising the instruments of propaganda, they will still guarantee the principle of free thought and expression. This, as Mr. Pink admits, sounds like a visionary dream rather than a realist's solution of the world's ills; but, "if we admit that it is only along these lines that we have a reasonable chance of preserving the world from disaster, it is idle to dismiss the idea as impracticable." Anyhow, no possible alternative has appeared.

Mr. Pink argues convincingly, and his book is scarcely likely to be popular. It contains a wealth of sound thought and lucid reasoning. His solution of the problem of government is as old as Plato, but the indictment of democracy is excellently done.

## GOD AND EVERYMAN.

**God and Everyman. By the Rev. Desmond Morse-Boycott. London: Skeffington. 7/6 net.**

THE absence of so many people from public worship on Sunday forces those, who believe that no real life can exist apart from worship of the Divine Being, to ask if any reasons can be put forward to account for the phenomenon.

Those who apply themselves to the task often are astonished by the fertility of people's minds in the matter of finding reasons, and feel that fortunes are awaiting those people if they could be persuaded to enter the realm of fiction.

The Rev. Desmond Morse-Boycott, known to the reading public by his popular articles on religious subjects appearing periodically in the daily Press, is one of those earnest men who would have all men realise their sonship in God and fellowship in Christ. He has worked for many years in the slums of London, and is disturbed seriously by the lack of religious sense which he finds there. Faced with the necessity to interpret the Christian faith for such people, he has evolved a method of presentation of the facts of the Gospel and the Christian Creed for them, and offers it to the general public in this book. He is intensely practical, and says what he has to say attractively and clearly. Belonging to the party called "Anglo-Catholic," he unconsciously becomes an advocate for it in the course of his writing.

No doubt, ritual and its appeal to the senses has its uses in attracting people whose drab lives lack colour and beauty, but we feel as we read that, like many of his Anglo-Catholic *confrères*, he fails to realise that among the general public there is a very large number of people for whom ways of worship, simpler and less outwardly expressed, have a deeper appeal. They need no outward adjuncts to assist them in the worship which proceeds from the heart. Mr. Morse-Boycott hardly seems to realise that there are such people in existence.

His interpretation of "Catholic" custom is decidedly elastic, tending to have a strong flavour of Italy, and to ignore the possibility that the religious genius of other nations may play its part in the furtherance of the increasing purpose.

Whatever our feelings may be about these matters, there is no doubt that he has given us an interesting book.

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## GENERAL BRUSSILOV.

**A Soldier's Note Book, 1914-1918. By General Brussilov. London: Macmillan. 18/- net.**

THE modest title of this book belies the importance of its contents. General Brussilov was one of the greatest soldiers of modern times, and, as far as Russia was concerned, in a class by himself. His successes in the war were outstanding, and there is good reason to believe that, if this zealous and able soldier had been afforded the co-operation of his brother generals, and had been properly supported by his sovereign, the terrible disasters which befell the Russian Armies would have been averted, and the revolution and triumph of Bolshevism indefinitely postponed.

GENERAL BRUSSILOV

At the outbreak of war Russia was far from prepared. The men were ill-equipped, and there was sad lack of important munitions. Even when matters were running more smoothly, jealousy and intrigue were rampant. A prime cause of calamity was the utter incapacity of the Tsar to rule. His weak and vacillating conduct rendered coherent strategy virtually impossible.

Far different is Brussilov's criticism of the Grand Duke Nicholas. Apart from his soldierly qualities and high degree of military efficiency, the Commander-in-Chief was very popular with his troops, and "his men trusted him as a leader, loved him and feared him." His withdrawal from supreme command by the Tsar, who appointed himself instead, was unfortunate in the last degree. . . "His only connection with the fighting lines consisted in his receipt every evening of a summary of the reports from the front." "It only served to show that the Tsar took very little interest in the front," says Brussilov. The Empress also was unpopular with the troops, and her coldness to the able and patriotic Brussilov was undeserved and quite incomprehensible.

In 1916 Brussilov carried out a great offensive, took 400,000 prisoners, and placed the whole German front in a most precarious situation. Yet his brother generals would not move with him, the Tsar remained helplessly passive, and the great opportunity passed irrevocably. "There was every reason to believe that a decisive turn to the campaign would have been brought about on our front, and it was probable that the victorious conclusion of the War would have been advanced considerably with fewer casualties and without the terrible ordeals that subsequently had to be borne."

The constant changes of Ministers and general disorganisation in Russia itself helped on the collapse, and Brussilov points out that under such a Government no war could be won. "Yet success was so near and so possible." Herein lies the great tragedy.

In May, 1917, Brussilov was appointed supreme Commander-in-Chief. Failing to comply with the hysterical whims of Kerensky, then War Minister, he was removed from his position some months later. The whole book is a clear-cut narrative, manifestly written with a fair and open mind. Affection for his men is everywhere apparent, and in the death of this great man Russia has lost one who loved and served her well, and whose voice from the grave vindicates her soldiers in death as it praised and upheld them living.

## GLIDING AND SAIL-PLANING.

**Gliding and Sail-Planing. By F. Stamer and F. Lippisch. London: John Lane. 5/- net.**

IN the mythology of Greece we read that Daedalus of Athens made for himself wings, by means of which he flew from Crete to Italy. Lilienthal, whose experiments and research helped considerably in the problem of mechanical flight, failed in his attempt to emulate bird-flight, but his ambition is now an accomplished fact. It is curious, moreover, that the Treaty of Versailles has been the prime agent in the re-awakened interest in engineless flying. Germany, prohibited thereunder from maintaining war aeroplanes, has concentrated on the development of civil aviation, and gliding and sail-planing have been taken up systematically and enthusiastically by the younger generation.

In this volume, written by experts of one of the numerous flying schools now in existence, the authors have set out the collective results of their experiments since 1921 in motorless flight, and it seems that a new and fascinating sport, which must appeal to all venturesome spirits, is within reach. Aeroplanes, as compared with sail-planes, appear to be somewhat analogous to power vessels and yachts. The sail-plane cannot "take off" without assistance, but, when it is in the air, continuous flight depends on knowledge of favourable "up-currents," and we read in this book that Kronfeld, one of the greatest exponents of sail-planing, once observed hundreds of butterflies which had been borne upwards in the warm air to a great height.

For the initial, or gliding, flights a hill slope having a gliding angle of 1 in 12 is recommended, and illustrations are given of ideal grounds and the air-currents likely to be encountered under varying conditions.

The construction of a suitable machine and its components are sketched, and tools, equipment, instruments, training, etc., are dealt with in a simple and easily understood way, devoid of technicalities.

To those restless beings who must get a "kick" out of their sports and pastimes, and in whom noisy aeroplanes soon fail to raise thrills, this book, which opens the door to a new, inexpensive, silent and romantic sport, is strongly recommended.

## COLLECTS FOR THE REGIMENTS.

**Collects for the British Army. By Matthew Tobias. Plymouth: Underhill.**

THE Reverend Matthew Tobias in his work, "Collects for the British Army," has endeavoured, in the case of every individual regiment, to embody in a suitable collect prayers appropriate to their various mottoes, customs and traditions. The task cannot have been easy, but Mr. Tobias, as those who read the book will perceive, has succeeded very well.

The volume devotes two pages to every unit, with only four exceptions. One page contains the crest and motto, with a list of the regiment's principal engagements, while the collect appears on the opposite side, with notes to indicate the historical incidents or traditions that have prompted the orientation of the prayer.

Thus the collect for the Royal Regiment of Artillery, which opens with the words "O Lord Jesus, Who dost everywhere lead Thy people in the way of righteousness, their only glory," is a reminder that the proud "Ubique" and "Quo fas et gloria ducunt" of the gunners have been earned only by the divine aid. The collects for the other units have been evolved in a like manner, and generally the book ought to be a useful addition to the ritual of military church parades.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

**With the 1930 Australians. By Geoffrey Tebbutt. London: Hodder and Stoughton. 5/- net.**

AS an aftermath of cricket tours either in England or in Australia, there are always books by experts describing in great detail the chief features of the matches. They are able to tell the critical points of the various Test matches which escaped everybody during the season, and it is a refreshing change to take up Mr. Geoffrey Tebbutt's book, "With the 1930 Australians," which deals not with strokes, but with personalities.

Mr. Tebbutt is an Australian journalist who accompanied the team, and knew its members intimately. He divides his book into two sections; the first deals with incidents of the tour, life in hotels, a meeting with the King and Queen, hospitality and other things. The second, and much more interesting part, is a series of pen pictures of the players. They are extremely skilfully drawn, and give one an idea of the man's character rather than of his cricketing ability.

In this way the book satisfies a public demand by throwing some light on Bradman, who has come into a rather unfortunate prominence since the team left England. Genius, seldom even in games, goes with normality, and Bradman is not a normal man of 22. The concentration, the icy hardness of temperament, that enable him to continue, hour after hour, the piling up of runs stay with him in ordinary life, and set him apart from his comrades. Though interesting throughout, Mr. Tebbutt's book is worth purchasing alone for his portrait of Don Bradman.

## JESUIT YEAR BOOK.

**Irish Jesuit Directory. Dublin: Irish Messenger Office. 1/- net.**

THE Irish Jesuit Directory and Year-Book for 1931 has appeared. It is the fourth year of issue and is again a handy and useful brochure that will be of service, not only to those who are especially interested in the Society of Jesus, but to all Roman Catholics, for its elaborate Calendar. The Calendar states that the first day of the year is the principal titular feast of the Society. In recent times Roman Catholics have been much urged to make use of the Missal at Mass. This Calendar will be of assistance, as it includes the necessary directions. A complete directory of all the Jesuit Fathers and other members of the Society in Ireland and of members of the Irish Province in foreign countries is given.

A tabular summary of the Society shows that it comprises 21,678 members—9,817 Priests, 7,142 Scholastics and 4,719 Brothers. The total shows an increase of 490 members over the previous year. An obituary records the deaths of 12 members—7 Fathers, 3 Scholastics and 2 Brothers. A valuable chapter is that on books about Francis Xavier, Father Stephen J. Brown, S.J., writes: "Those obsessed with the notion of the sleek and wily Jesuit, full of plots and intrigues, are a little disconcerted by the life of Xavier. Yet, he was an authentic Jesuit, one of the chief disciples of Ignatius himself, who, presumably, was the incarnation of Jesuitism."

## RECENT FICTION.

**Diary of a Provincial Lady. By E. M. Delafield. Macmillan. 7/6 net.**

**Fortune of War. By Duncan Grinnell-Milne. John Lane. 7/6 net.**

**"Outlaws of Chiberg's Valley." By Charles Wesley Sanders. Collins. 7/6 net.**

IT is always entertaining to find that others feel as we feel in similar circumstances, and Miss Delafield amused us much with her "Diary of a Provincial Lady"; for we all have found ourselves in positions of the kind of which she writes.

Who, for instance, has not endured a trying hour such as that which the "provincial lady" experienced at a luncheon party, when she found herself seated next to an old gentleman who insisted on talking about stag-hunting, a subject which revolted her? Having led him away from his pet topic successfully by devious paths through conversations about the damage done by recent storms and even about new arrivals in the neighbourhood, she found that, by obscure thought-processes and apparently fiendish cunning, he had gone again in pursuit of the wretched stag which, he declared, "liked it."

The characters are drawn with a few apt strokes. The children are delightfully childish; we are really sorry when well-meaning Mademoiselle declares herself *blessée*, as so frequently she complains. Cissie Crabbe is an excellent "dear old school-friend," and Lady B. is a masterpiece of her type.

The time spent with this clever book is well-spent; for its humour is a tonic to the system.

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Mr. Grinnell-Milne has given us five grim stories of the horrors of war and the pitiless blindness of circumstance, upon which again and again hung life and liberty. The author writes with a straight and convincing simplicity that serves to recall more truly for us those dreadful years than any expanding emphasis. The account of the torpedoed liner and the heroism of one Englishman, who saves another from a like fate, is unadorned reality, while the futile "escape" from a German camp of the luckless "Ecclestone" has an accredited foundation in fact.

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## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

**BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.**

**Pioneer, Soldier and Politician. Summarised Memoirs of General Sir David Harris, K.C.M.G.** With a foreword by General the Right Hon. J. C. Smuts. London: Samuson Low. 8/6 net.

**The Inky Way.** By Mrs. C. N. Williamson. London: Chapman and Hall. 18/- net.

**[illegible]** By S. A. Andrée, Nils Strindberg and Knut Fraenkel. Translated by Edward Adams-Ray. London: The Bodley Head. 21/- net.

**Maurice, Chevalier's Own Story.** By Percy Cudlipp. London: Nash and Grayson. 2/6 net.

**BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.**

**Harry Randall, Old Time Comedian.** By Himself. London: Sampson Low. 12/6 net.

**FICTION.**

**From Day to Day.** By Ferdynand Goetel. Elkin Mathews. 7/6 net.

**Three Men.** By Padraic Colum. Elkin Mathews. 6/- net.

**Mr. Thake Again.** By "Beachcomber." **Way for a Sailor.** By A. R. Wetjen. Chapman and Hall. 7/6 net apiece.

**[illegible]** By Leo Grex. **A Nice Girl Comes to Town.** By Maisie Greig. 7/6 net apiece.

**Rag Fable.** By Joanna Cannan. Benn. 7/6 net.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

**How a Baby is Born.** By Dr. C. W. Kimmus. London: Routledge. 2/6 net.

**The Persians.** By Sir E. Denison Ross. Oxford: The Clarendon Press. 5/- net.

**Plainsong in Church and School.** By John Brown. Paris: Desclée. 9/6 net.

**Pages of English Prose.** Selected by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. Oxford: The Clarendon Press. 3/6 net.

**French Education for English Girls.** By Petrie Townshend. London: Wells Gardner, Darton.

**A Flight from Cairo to Cape Town and Back.** By Air-Commodore C. R. Samson. London: Benn. 18/- net.

**NEW EDITIONS.**

**Records of Ballingarry.** By the Rev. G. F. Hammon. Limerick: McKern. 7/6 net.

**POETRY AND DRAMA.**

**Now at Eve.** By Evan J. Thomas. London: Elkin Mathews. 4/6 net.

**Dublin Ditties.** By P.O.P. Dublin: Cahill. 2/- net.

**Poems by Hal D'Arcy.** Dublin: Hodges and Figgis.

**Plays for Marionettes.** By Maurice Sandi. London: Benn. 2/6 net.

**POLITICS AND ECONOMICS.**

**The Question of the Straits.** By P. P. Graves. London: Benn. 10/6 net.

## Fire Fear Victims.

### DUBLIN DOCTOR'S VIEWS.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

"Claustrophobia" is a term meaning a dread of being in a confined space. There is, however, a dread even greater than that from which many people suffer. It is a dread of fire, particularly in places of amusement. Amusement, whether it takes the form of pictures, concert programmes or dancing, is inclined to lift the mind off all dangers which may be lurking in a hall; but, notwithstanding this, there are people—they may be few—who all the time are in a state of fear lest an outbreak of fire should occur in the building. The fear of fire does not usually come alone, but is accompanied by Claustrophobia, and the person suffering from both complaints at the same time is almost on the verge of panic.

A few days ago a letter appeared in these columns asking: "(1) Who is the responsible authority for the safety of the public in case of fire or panic in the public places of amusement in Dublin, and when were these inspected? (2) When the houses are 'full' why are the telephones silent in such places when patrons ring up to make inquiries?"

Both questions are of great importance to the general public, but the greatest importance is undoubtedly to be attached to the first question. Public places of amusement have proved "death-traps" before now, but Ireland has been pretty clear of any blots or stains in that direction. The writer of the letter referred to, Dr. Edward Magennis, told me yesterday that he had a feeling that something more could be done to ensure the safety of the public in cinemas, theatres and other places of amusement, and he simply had to ask the questions or he would have felt that he was neglecting what was really a public and national duty. He explained that he was not an alarmist, but admitted he had a great fear, perhaps an abnormal fear, of fire, and he wrote the letter in the hope that it would have the desired effect of making such places even more safe.

**THE UNITED STATES WAY.**

Asked if he thought that the public were not sufficiently safeguarded against fire in places of amusement, he did not reply directly, but said: "I was recently on a visit to America, and was impressed with the measures of prevention of disaster taken in New York. In that city there are 740 cinemas, 304 theatres, and many dance-halls. In forty years they had only one death from fire in public places of amusement." He pointed out that in 1929 there were no fewer than thirty thousand fires in New York. "Such a small death-rate from fire in amusement places was," he added, "testimony to the strict laws under which licences for public amusement halls are issued."

He told me also of how the theatres and cinemas in New York are constructed in such a way that by means of a simple apparatus inside the hall the whole roof can be thrown open. To show the advantages of this arrangement, he explained that if a fire occurs in a room or hall, after a short time the confined air expands to such an extent that it is soon almost impossible to open the doors either from the inside or outside. When the roof is thrown open the air can, of course, escape, and in that event the doors will open readily.

Dealing with his second question, Dr. Magennis said that he thought it was most discourteous on the part of managers of such places to refuse to answer the telephone when patrons ring up. He was of the opinion that it would be very simple to have a young boy or girl on the premises solely for the purpose of answering such calls. "Of course," he added, "I must say that I have always found the staffs of cinemas and theatres, from the manager down to the lowest paid assistant, most courteous and obliging."

He suggested also that it was cruel to allow people to stand for hours in all kinds of weather in queues outside cinemas and theatres until such time as it was possible to get inside. He believed that some sort of place, properly fitted and sheltered, should be provided for these people.

**PRECAUTIONARY BY-LAWS.**

In other quarters I was informed that the duty of providing for the safety of the public in such places was assigned to the Public Health Department of the Dublin Corporation, which has a series of by-laws with which all halls intended for amusements purposes must comply before a licence is granted. The Department has an inspector and eight police inspectors, one honorary lay inspector, and the Chief of the Fire Brigade. Inspections of all premises are made annually, and there are periodical inspections also.

An official of the Public Health Department told me that when persons apply for licences under the Public Amusements Act they must submit plans of the building in respect of which they want the licence. The premises are then inspected, and if they comply in every way with the regulations the licence is granted. The present by-laws of the Corporation have been in force for a considerable time, and are being revised. This is undoubtedly necessary owing to the introduction of the new machinery for the "talkies."

The managers of several theatres and cinemas in the city denied that telephone receivers were left off when the house is full. "Frequently," said one manager, "telephone messages of an urgent nature are received for members of the audience and flashed on the screen, and we find it advisable always to answer telephone calls."

## RANGE OF AIRCRAFT.

**RESULTS OF BRITISH RESEARCH.**

Steadily research in British laboratories is leading to an event which will revolutionise aviation—the production of a successful "compression-ignition" engine running on heavy oil instead of on volatile and inflammable spirit.

Power units of this type possess great advantages in aircraft operation, apart from the vastly diminished risk of fire. They consume less weight of fuel than a petrol engine, and are far less complicated. Further, the successful engine of this type is certain to be more durable and to require less attention than even the best petrol-consuming units.

The explosive mixture in the cylinders is fired simply by high compression, without the intervention of sparking plugs connected to a magneto or accumulator. Fuel economy in any kind of internal combustion engine depends to a large extent on the pressure at which the mixture is fired, and the "compression-ignition" unit is accordingly less voracious of fuel than a petrol motor.

The result is that, although the oil engine is inevitably heavier than the petrol-consuming engine, it is much more economical on long flights. It is generally estimated that, employing "compression-ignition" motors of weights which could be attained in the present state of knowledge, an aeroplane would become more economical than a petrol-burning craft of equivalent horse power after the first ten hours of flight.

In this way the effective range of aircraft may be considerably increased, without adding to the laden weight of the machine at the moment of ascent.

Within the last few days details have been revealed of work done to Air Ministry instructions in the conversion of certain types of Rolls-Royce aero engines to "compression-ignition" working. Experts at the Royal Aircraft establishment, Farnborough, have designed special component parts for a "Condor" 650 horse-power unit, and in its new guise the engine has maintained steady and economical output of power. A second engine, in form a converted "F" type unit (developing in its normal petrol-burning shape about 500 horse-power) is being fitted with special parts for oil-burning, and will begin test running early next year.

## DEMAND FOR CLEAN MILK LEGISLATION.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the governors of the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, Dublin:—"That the attention of the Government of the Saorstat should be called to the urgent necessity for legislation which will ensure the provision of clean milk for the children in the Irish Free State."

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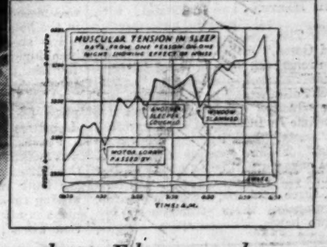


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## THE GRASS SEED INDUSTRY.

### A SOUTHERN IRELAND NEED.

FROM OUR AGRICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Those of our farmers who visit Denmark or Belgium are struck by many features of agricultural interest. But they may also discover something new by a chance visit to a different part of their own country. A Northern farmer visiting friends in South Kildare, Carlow or Kilkenny, in November may easily eye with wonder the heaps of sugar beet left on the roadside, ready to be taken up by lorry and delivered into the Carlow Sugar Factory.

A Southern resident going North would have difficulty in understanding why some farmers there leave pools of water in what is, perhaps, otherwise a good-conditioned field. The heaps of stones lying alongside would be a further mystery to him. He may miss the connection between these flax "stands" and the peculiar ridged fields of small, pretty blue flowers, waving in the summer breeze. On the Northern side of the Boyne, in July and August, the average Southern farmer is astonished to see the reaper and binder going through a field of tall grass and tieing it in sheaves. He will probably fail to discover the likeness between the stooks erected in this way and any class of corn with which he is acquainted. He has probably never heard that the ryegrass seed that he uses to lay down his land is produced here, and that from North Meath, right up through County Monaghan to Malin Head and Portstewart, we get the finest ryegrass seed—permanent and Italian—in the world.

**CULTIVATION OF RYEGRASS SEED.**

Some facts and figures regarding this industry should be of interest. In order to allow the seed to ripen it is customary to defer cutting the ryegrass for about a fortnight beyond the stage at which it would be cut for fodder. The "force grass," to give it the name employed in the North, therefore contains more fibre, which makes it less valuable as fodder than if it were cut at the proper time. After stooking, the hay is collected in the field or in the house, and threshing is done, either by whipping it over a large ground sheet or with a flail, as time permits, from September onwards. This operation takes out no more than the heavy seeds, still leaving the hay valuable as fodder. The seed is roughly cleaned to get rid of chaff and weed seeds, packed in boxes and brought into market.

**A NICE TURN-OVER.**

Markets are held on regular days of the week during the last three months of the year. Buyers from the "cleaning" houses attend these markets. There are ten such houses in the country, and one of the most important is located in the Saorstat. Prices are comparatively regular for the season, and the demand is always equal to the supply. During the current season, in fact, the supply was far from adequate.

The yield of seed ranges from four to eight cwt. per acre, and this season the price has reached 15s. per cwt. for perennial, and slightly less for Italian. This represents around £5 per acre, and the grower still has his hay, although of secondary quality. Perennial is mainly favoured by growers, the production of Italian being largely confined to certain districts. The price paid for Italian last year was up to 23s. per cwt.

At a few markets up to 200 tons will be disposed of weekly during portion of the season. This figure has now been reached in the town of Monaghan, and represents the circulation of £5,000 weekly at that centre for what is virtually a by-product of the fields. I know of individual farmers having a return of £40 to £50 in one day for two or three loads of ryegrass.

Conditions in some southern counties would appear to be just as favourable as in the north, but, of course, sufficient acreage would need to be grown to warrant the establishment of a cleaning mill in any particular district. Merchants owning these mills ("machiners" as they are called) clean the seed thoroughly, test it for purity and germination, and sell it later to retail shop keepers. There is no apparent reason why, with a little organisation, the industry should not be started in some of the southern counties. No Government subsidy is needed, which is a big advantage to start with. County Wexford, with its substantial proportion of small farmers, would appear to possess all the requisites for such a lucrative industry. Some of the large buildings, formerly used as mill stores, could readily be utilised in this connection.

If this industry became established in the South a substantial sum would be saved in freight charges from Belfast and Derry by farmers in such places as Cork and Kerry. This alone would almost amount to a bounty on the industry in the Saorstat.

Another grass grown in the North is crested dogstail, used in special mixtures, and generally included in lawn seed mixtures. The price obtained by farmers for this seed is round about £9 per cwt.

We depend for our best class clovers on English growers, and on Denmark and Canada for the higher class of our principal grass seeds. The preparation of these requires more technical skill, but once we made a start on proper land, there is little doubt but that we could easily raise better acclimatised and more suitable seed than we now import from abroad.

## FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

The undermentioned officers of the Indian Medical Service are appointed Honorary Surgeons to the King:—Major-General J. D. Graham, C.I.E., M.B.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. McPherson, M.B., F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, and promoted Bt. Colonel.

REGULAR ARMY.

Major-General T. A. Cubitt, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-General.

Colonel J. G. Dill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Major-General.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appointment is made:—Captain J. C. Haydon, Irish Guards, to be G.S.O. for Weapon Training, Class C.C., London District.

MEMORANDUM.

Major and Bt. Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. Merstey O.B.E., half-pay list, late R.A., having attained the age limit for compulsory retirement, is placed on retired pay.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

GENERAL LIST.

Second Lieutenant W. L. Rennie, having attained the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

General Duties Branch.—The undermentioned are promoted:—

Flight Lieutenants to be Squadron Leaders—Philip Myles McSwiny, Reginald James Sancean, Philip Herbert Mackworth, D.F.C.; Gilbert Formby Smythe, D.S.C.; Harvey Lancelot Macro, D.F.C., A.F.C.; Leslie Millington Iles, A.F.C.

The undermentioned are placed on the half-pay Scale A:—

Wing Commander Thomas Reginald Cave-Browne-Cave, C.B.E.; Squadron Leader Norman Frank Dennis Buckeridge.

The undermentioned Flying Officers are transferred to the Reserve:—

Class A.—Gilbert Melville Beattie, Malcolm Angus Cowan, Charles Edward Eckersley-Maslin.

Medical Branch.—Flight Lieutenant John Edward Foran, M.B., B.Ch., is transferred to the Reserve, Class D II., Reserve of Air Force Officers.

General Duties Branch.—Flying Officer John Joseph Flynn relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health.

T. G. PHILLIPS,
Military Tailor, 4 Dame Street.

## DEATH TACKLE IN RUGBY MATCH.

### INTERNATIONAL IN THE DOCK.

### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AT BORDEAUX.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*PARIS, Thursday.*

The Correctional Court at Bordeaux was packed to overflowing when the trial began this afternoon of the French Rugby international, Fernand Taillantou, who was charged with the manslaughter of Michel Pradie, of the Agen Club. The full charge against Taillantou contained two accusations, worded as follows:—

(1)—That he used a method of tackling which was exceptionally violent and unreasonable;

(2)—That he only let go after having exerted very vigorous pressure on his adversary's neck.

Dr. Lapervenche, who attended the match, testified that at the moment Taillantou tackled Pradie the latter player had not got the ball. Witness thought that Taillantou tackled with such violence that, in his opinion, he intended to put the other man out of action. Pradie told witness before he died that when he was tackled he "felt something crack inside him."

Dr. Lande, who made the *post-mortem* examination, said that he found no trace of unusual pressure.

Another spectator at the match said that Taillantou overdid the tackle because, although the ball went into touch, he continued to hold his man.

Another witness, who was standing four yards from the spot when the tackle took place, said that Taillantou tackled Pradie very violently, and, when they fell together, Taillantou tried to draw Pradie's head towards his legs.

The referee of the match, M. Leyte, declared that it was a normal tackle. The game, which was, perhaps, hard, was quite regular. In his opinion, Taillantou was a strong, but not a brutal, player, and he committed no fault.

This statement was supported by a linesman.

After the hearing of other witnesses the Public Prosecutor addressed the Court. He declared that Rugby was an open and loyal game, and not the game of the brute. That was why it was all the more necessary to be severe against those who used violence during a match. He hoped that the Federation would so moderate its championship rules as to avoid a recurrence of this tragic happening. He asked for a committal, though he did not demand that the Court should be severe.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

[NOTE.—Taillantou, who was a member of the Pau Rugby Club, severed his connection with French Rugby after the accident, which occurred during the French Rugby Championship semi-final at Bordeaux on May 3rd last.]

# IN THE NORTHERN CAPITAL.

## The Linen Trade : Ulster Musicians : A Thrifty Folk : Housing Schemes.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

*BELFAST, Thursday.*

FOR some time past various public bodies and local authorities have been calling on the Northern Government to curtail its expenditure and exercise economy in all its activities. There is an element of humour in the result. The Ministry of Home Affairs has intimated that the Government subsidy for any housing schemes this year will be reduced by fifty per cent., so that the grant per house will be only £50 instead of £100, as formerly. This turn of events was unexpected, and a storm of protest has been raised, which goes to show that most people think that economy should be practised at the expense of some other person.

The general impression is that the greater part of the grants given for subsidy houses goes into the pockets of the builders, and it was stated at the last meeting of the Belfast Corporation that some builders had made fortunes by the erection of such dwellings, although not in connection with the municipal scheme. Up to the present there has been no indication that the Corporation intends to introduce a scheme of housing for the very poor, without which there can be no satisfactory solution of the slum problem.

### LINEN TRADE PROBLEM.

It was disclosed at the conference in Belfast yesterday between representatives of the employers and operatives in the linen industry that over 92,000 spindles are idle in the district, while five mills have been closed down and the remainder are working at only half their capacity. The employers have intimated a reduction in wages of 20 per cent. owing to depression in the industry and the difficulty of coping with foreign competition, while it is contended by the workers that wages are not the main cause of trade depression.

At the conference it was pointed out that the price of flax is less to-day than it was even before the War, the cost being 5s. per stone as compared with 8s. 11d. per stone last year. The delegates did not arrive at any conclusion, and they are to meet again on Monday next, when, if a settlement cannot be reached, an arbitrator will be called in to decide between the parties. During the past ten years between twenty and thirty mills and factories in Ulster have been closed, and it will be a matter for regret if the industry cannot be carried on without the further reduction of already small wages.

### ULSTER COMPOSERS' WORKS.

Some orchestral concerts of more than ordinary interest have been arranged to be held in Belfast during the next three months. They have been organised by the City Y.M.C.A., in co-operation with the British Broadcasting Corporation, and a feature of several of the concerts will be the performance of works by Ulster composers. The tone poem, illustrating the Irish legend, "Glendalough," by Captain C. J. Brennan, city organist, will be produced at the second concert. The music describing the story of St. Kevin is vivid and colourful, with peaceful and dramatic periods. The symphonic poem, "With the Wild Geese," by Sir Hamilton Harty, also is in rehearsal. This is one of the composer's most attractive works.

SIR H. HARTY.

An event of outstanding importance will be the production on February 14th, for the first time in Belfast, of Gustav Holt's "The Planets," and if is of interest to note that for this occasion the special orchestra engaged will be composed of four flutes, four oboes, three clarinets, one bass clarinet, three bassoons, six French horns, four trumpets, three trombones, two tubas, two harps, six percussion players, and an unusually large number of strings, as required for the proper interpretation of the composition. Sir Henry Wood will conduct a later concert.

### COMING SPEED THRILLS.

Those enthusiasts of sport who revel in speed thrills are looking forward with interest to the trials of Lord Wakefield's famous racing motor boat, Miss England II., which are to take place on Lough Neagh towards the end of this month. The boat is expected to arrive in Belfast about the 14th inst., and it will be taken to Antrim by road. It will be housed there in one of the sheds owned by the Lough Neagh Cruises, Ltd., Company, and the trials will be held as soon as the necessary arrangements are perfected, and the weather permits. Although it is stated officially that the boat is simply to be tested in racing, it is hoped that a new "record" in speed may be set up in Northern Ireland waters. Mr. Kaye Don will pilot the boat, which is afterwards to be taken to the Buenos Ayres Exhibition, when it will be on view at the opening ceremony by the Prince of Wales.

MR. KAYE DON.

### ADVANTAGES OF WATER-POWER.

The development of the water-power resources of Northern Ireland was discussed in Belfast last night by Mr. H. F. Whysall, the city electrical engineer. He said that, as all their coal must be imported, it was desirable on general principles that their natural power should be exploited. The present difficulties consisted of high capital costs, opposition of vested interests and the geographical position of loughs where water-power was available. The last difficulty, however, would be eased materially with the existence of extra high tension transmission lines available, while the running charges would be comparatively low if the hydro-electric station could be run in connection with steam-power stations, so that the whole of the water-power available at any time could be put to useful work.

In this connection Mr. Whysall mentioned that Dr. McLaughlin, the manager of the Free State Electricity Supply Board, had expressed a desire to get such advantages by linking up with the Belfast undertaking. There was the possibility, added Mr. Whysall, somewhat significantly, that but for political difficulties and separate ownership such an arrangement would result in considerable economy to all concerned.

### A THRIFTY PEOPLE.

It is a remarkable tribute to the thrift of the Ulster people that, notwithstanding the depression which is prevalent everywhere, the funds of the Belfast Savings Bank have been increased during the past year by over half a million pounds, the total amount in hands being now £4,561,496. In this connection the value of the home safe department has been demonstrated, and it is noteworthy that the Belfast institution was the first to introduce into Ireland this system of saving small sums. The bank has ten thousand of these home safes in circulation, and the big joint stock banks also have adopted this method of fostering the habit of thrift in the home.

The special investment department has been highly popular with customers, and the fact that the Savings Bank offers 3½ *per cent.* compound interest on deposits encourages the man of small means to place his money there. The limit for depositors in this branch of the business has been raised from £500 to £1,000. As was pointed out by the Chairman of the Committee at the 115th annual meeting of the bank in Belfast yesterday, it is surprising that there should be such development in all the departments of the institution when times are so difficult.

# AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

*The Banshee Laid : Bed Warmers : Libraries in the West : Howlers. The Aga Khan : The Californian Fiesta : Reading Aloud. "Local Colour."*

### The Coolock Banshee.

The banshee which caused so much consternation and conjecture in the neighbourhood of Coolock, and brought crowds to that village on Sunday last, was discovered on Tuesday evening by a local resident lying dead on the hay in a shed. It was a large barn-owl.

With its wings outstretched and white breast visible, and its foggy, indefinite face, it bore quite a reasonable resemblance to the traditional description of the little woman whose appearance forbodes trouble.

I for one (writes a correspondent) was startled by the piercing wail, which seemed like a signal for help, and in no way resembled the cry of any other owl that I had heard. This was probably due to atmospheric conditions; but the sound was so blood-curdling that it struck terror to the hearts of many who heard it—in one case causing the hearer to faint.

Every story of troubled spirit, laid ghost and sealed room that was ever heard for miles round has been raked up and re-told to eager listeners anxious to account for the strange visitor. Now that the truth is known, everybody is relieved—including my superstitious self.

### A Novelist Taxi-Driver.

Recently, Mr. J. B. Priestley, the novelist, launched an attack on novelists who adopted strange occupations to study "local colour." Americans, however, do not heed such advice. Mrs. Barbara Schmidt, a rising novelist, has just passed the examinations imposed upon would-be taxi-drivers in New York. Her object is to study the conditions of a taxi-driver's life for material for a new novel. She declares that she can "hold down the job on a 60-40 pay basis along with men drivers," and she expects no "considerations because of her sex." After a year's experience in New York she intends to go to Paris in order to compare the conditions under which Parisian taxi-drivers live.

MR. J. B. PRIESTLEY.

### Lions and Periwinkles.

From the Fingal country comes a request for advice on the protective measures that are efficacious against ghosts. Although, frankly, I doubt the *bona fides* of my correspondent, I quote for him the relevant extracts from the only authority at hand—a book of learning and research that bears the inviting title "Leechdoms, Wort-cunning, and Star-craft of Early England." The work contains a collection of charms recommended by Saxon "leeches" in the days of Egbert and Edgar. Whether they will prevail against Irish spectres I do not know.

To those in fear of spectral visitations the preventive was (in modern English): "Let those who suffer fear of apparitions eat lion's flesh, and they will not suffer any apparition." Periwinkle was an unfailing charm against a number of maladies, one of which is terror. When in such a strait, one merely plucked the periwinkle when the moon was nine nights old, reciting meanwhile the prescribed invocation to the *Vinca pervinca*. Lion's flesh would be difficult to procure now, but the common periwinkle is available in plenty.

### Meteors in January.

The light of the full moon, which was a great hindrance to meteoric observation during the first week in January, will not prove so troublesome now in the early part of the night. To-night meteors ought to be fairly numerous, as there are good secondary maxima at 8 and 10 o'clock. There is a large meteor shower on the morning of the 12th, with maxima between 2 and 5. This is followed by another shower on the morning of the 13th. There is a shower also on the 14th, with maxima about 10.20 p.m., and in the hour following midnight. Large showers occur also on the nights of the 17th and 18th, 25th and 30th of the present month. On the 25th the shower will be most in evidence near midnight. Among the secondary effects attributable to meteor showers are fog and other meteorological disturbance owing to the inrush and presence of minute particles of matter into the atmosphere. On November 17th last, on the morning of which the Leonid maximum fell, there was a very dense fog in Dublin and other parts of the British Isles.

### Beds and Bed Warmers.

Some days ago I printed a correspondent's suggestion for warming a bed by means of a common electric iron. Since then I have been swamped with letters describing other, and simpler, methods of warming cold sheets. One correspondent, however, writes as follows:—"Do not be rash. If you get into the habit of warming your bed by means of an electric iron, you will almost certainly forget about it some night, and leave it there, in which case you will receive either a nasty burn or a still nastier shock; even if you do not suffer, your sheets will. Anyhow, what is the use of these makeshifts, when there already is on the market a perfectly good and safe electrical gadget specially devised for warming your bed?" I pass on the warning and the advice.

### Yet More Howlers.

This must be a degenerate age; for every schoolboy does not know the things which, according to Lord Macaulay, he ought to know. Yet another amusing list of "howlers" is given in the *University Correspondent*. The following are a few elegant extracts:—

"His bridle reins were golden chains." This means that he had just been married.

"Who steals my purse steals trash" means that the person who robs me is asking for trouble.

Bannock Burn is so called because Alfred burned the cakes there.

A budget is an Irish female servant.

Contralto is a low kind of music sung only by women.

Joan of Arc was a brave woman and the wife of Noah.

While the Parliament was discussing about the Bill of Rights, James II. suddenly had a baby, so the Seven Bishops said he couldn't be King any longer.

### Another Musical Bridge.

Recent reference in the "Diary" to the one-time musical bridge in the County Mayo induces a correspondent to inform me of the musical wall at "Lynnbury," about two miles from Mullingar, and close to the picturesque Lough Ennel, farfamed for its trout-fishing. This wall is surmounted by a large number of stones, every one of which produces a different note when treated in the manner described in the paragraph dealing with the Mayo Bridge. It is one of the curiosities of the district, and its merits receive plenty of trial, as is evident from the brightness of the stones on the road side of the wall. It separates the road from "Lynnbury," the residence of Mr. G. Rochfort Hyde.

Lough Ennel some years ago was a frequent resort of antiquarian societies; for one of its islands is said to contain the remains of Malachy, whose memory is kept alive in "Let Erin Remember."

Another remarkable sight in the locality is a ruin at "Belvedere," the residence of Colonel Howard-Bury, M.P. This structure was specially built as a ruin at the instance of the Earl of Belvedere, in order to shut out from "Belvedere" the view of the house belonging to his brother, with whom he was on bad terms. He brought artists from Italy for the purpose. It is a perfect specimen of a ruin in a land where real ruins are plentiful.

### Carnegie Libraries.

Just at present (writes a correspondent) there is a good deal of public interest in the working of the Carnegie libraries, and, perhaps, my experiences as honorary librarian of a branch library in a remote western village may be of interest.

The library consists of 60 to 80 books, packed in a serviceable box, in which they travel to and from the central county library. The branch librarian is usually a teacher, or some other public-spirited citizen, and the task, as you may imagine, calls for tact, method and firmness, if valuable books are not to be lost or mutilated. Personally, I take a great interest in my readers, and encourage them to give me their opinions of the books that they read, so that I am able to ask the county librarian for the class of books most highly appreciated. When I asked for my last consignment the "order" ran something like this: "Please send at least a dozen of the newest biographies and books of travel for the Canon and Father So-and-so; something 'fey' for the doctor; 'Wild West' and detective stories for the boys; some 'mushy' love-stories for the girls; a cookery book; something 'good' for the parson's housekeeper for Sunday evenings; and please do not forget the two men in the bog, who like Scott and Dickens. Also may I have Macalister's 'Archæology' again?"

### The Californian Fiesta.

The year 1931 is to be celebrated in California as a "fiesta" year in honour of the one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of Los Angeles. How strange it seems that the city of dreadful light should have been founded in 1781 by Spanish Franciscan friars! Nowadays Los Angeles is the place where good millionaires go—when they retire from business. To untutored minds, all over the world, the ostentation of its famous suburb, Hollywood, represents the peak of civilisation. Californian life in days before the gold rush had many attractive features, and it is pleasant to see that the State of "sonny boys" has not entirely forgotten them. Rodeos, flower shows, exhibitions and historical pageants will form part of the entertainment. The King and Queen of Spain have been invited to attend, but in the present state of Spanish politics it seems to be rather unlikely that Their Majesties will accept the invitation.

### The Aga Khan.

A correspondent, Mr. Thomas Tarmey, of Westport, has sent me a letter concerning the Aga Khan, which may interest my readers.

"In 1901 [the letter goes] I attended the Poona gymnasium for a course in swordsmanship. On my first morning there my attention was rivetted on the thorough mastery of the exercises displayed by a young native of magnificent physique. At the time I was a private in the Connaught Rangers, and held the Bombay championship in swordsmanship. During an interval on the morning to which I refer the young native saluted me in a kindly way. We had a fairly long conversation, in the course of which I learnt that he was a Prince of the country, and had his residence close at hand. He was the Aga Khan, as we now know him.

THE AGA KHAN.

"He told me that he had been to Ireland, and knew of its people and history, while the beauties of its scenery—in particular, of Killarney—impressed him greatly.

"The conversation next turned on fencing, after which we went through sabre exercise; and never did I meet a more impregnable defence. In the different exercises with the Aga Khan I discovered that nimbleness of the foot, eye and arm was his most notable characteristic—save, indeed, his extreme courtesy."

### The Fortune of John.

One of the surest marks of a generation that is growing older is its practice of writing and of reading aloud very lengthy letters. The young have not much use for these long epistles, and content themselves with the merest "scratch of a pen," saying what they have to say in the fewest possible words.

One afternoon last week the tea-time crowd in a certain Dublin restaurant was forced to listen to a long and wandering letter that was being read aloud by one woman to another. The recipient of this favour was extremely deaf, and the reader had to speak in a loud strident voice. The letter concerned solely the doings of some John known to the two, but quite unknown to the other folk in the tea-room. People tried not to listen, but it was no use; for the sing-song voice went on, and John's relative nodded or shook her head, according to the news in the letter. There was a surprising amount of it, and I had to admire the utter absence of self-consciousness on the part of the reader.

### Casualty in the Fog.

A friend of mine told me an almost epic story about a motor run that he made in the fog in order to see a relative who had become suddenly ill in Galway. Beyond Kilcock he lost his way completely, and found himself in a cemetery. Later on he ran into a bog, and nearly plunged into a miniature lake. On Athlone Bridge his car spun round several times on the glassy surface before he got it under control. A couple of miles further on, at a bend, the car climbed a wall and stopped. Thereupon the lights went out, and it took him an hour to set matters right. When he eventually arrived at his destination, he declared that he was in worse fettle than the invalid whom he had come to see.

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# MUSIC AND THE GRAMAPHONE.

## SOME RECENT RECORDS.

By "OBBLIGATO."

MANY gramaphone records published in December are put out specially for the Christmas trade, and have no great musical value. Some, however, deserve further remembrance. At any time of the year one could be sure of enjoying the Overture and Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah," as played by the London Symphony Orchestra and the "There were Shepherds" and the succeeding choruses as sung by Elsie Suddaby and the Philharmonic Choir. Worthy, also, of better treatment than to be put away for a year is the record of the St. George's Singers in "The Boar's Head Carol" and other carols (Columbia DB 303).

New records of pianoforte performances include Mark Hambourg's playing of the "*Pathétique* Sonata" (Beethoven), Harriet Cohen's playing of the "Edward" Ballade of Brahms and the same composer's "Intermezzo No. 4," Irene Scharrer's playing of Mendelssohn's "*Andante and Rondo Capriccioso*."

Better still than any of these are the four Columbia discs conveying a masterly performance of Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata, by Ignaz Friedman (at the pianoforte), with Hubermann as violinist. These records certainly present the best work we have heard from that fine artist. Huberman, and possibly the best recording now to be obtained of the "Kreutzer" (Columbia LX 72-75).

Among the records now under notice there is an unusually large proportion of vocal music of artistic value. Columbia gives two fine examples of dramatic singing by Harold Williams—the great soo known as Iago's "Credo" from Verdi's "Otello," and a favourite aria from another Verdi opera, "It was thou the destroyer" (Eri tu) from "*Un Ballo in Maschera*." Norman Allin delivers Handel's "Honour and Arms" in robust style—his song on the other side of the record is Gounod's "She alone charmeth my sadness," while not quite so impressively sung, still is worth hearing (Columbia DX 125). Miriam Licette's singing of the aria, "Thou love," from "The Marriage of Figaro," is delightful, but the better side of the record is that which gives her magnificent outpouring of the strains of the "*Exultate*," a motet also by Mozart (Columbia DX 130). Wagner enthusiasts all will want the record of Hans Sach's Cobbling Song ("Jerum! Jerum!") from "*Die Meistersinger*," and Wolfram's song in the Tournament of Song ("Tannhauser"), as sung by Friedrich Schorr, who is as satisfying in this music as in the part of Wotan. Two ten-inch discs, though concerned with lighter material, deserve mention in this class. Columbia DB 308 gives "Clementine," an old popular song, and "Vilikins and his Dinah," both sung by Harold Williams, with the B.B.C. male chorus and pianoforte accompaniment, another giving "Widdicombe Fair" and "Richard of Taunton Dene," both sung by Steuart Roberts and male chorus, with pianoforte accompaniment by Victor Hely Hutchinson.

Mention of ten-inch discs reminds me of two instrumental music records which should have been included, with others, in last week's review—one giving a Minuet and the "Moment Musical No. 3" of Schubert, played by the Lener String Quartet (Columbia DB 290), and the other giving two selections from "Hansel and Gretel," played by the Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

Among records of choral performances, those on Columbia discs made by the choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, are surprisingly beautiful. Church people, who know how the Anglican chant can be, and usually is, misused, will have a shock of joy on hearing the Windsor chanting of Psalms 23 and 121, the latter to a chant by Sir Walford Davies. That Sir Walford Davies is also the composer of the motet, "Lord, it belongs not to my care," on the other side of the same disc (DX 166), will be plain to all hearers who remember his Solemn Melody for 'cello and organ.

By the way, is it not time that we had a fresh recording of the Solemn Melody? Columbia should get Mr. W. H. Squire to play it.

On the second disc the choir of St. George's Chapel is heard in "Oh that I knew where I might find Him" (Sterndale Bennett) and "Angel spirits ever blest" (Tchaikovsky) (DX 133).

A record of the Westminster Special Choir's singing of a Bach motet, "O, man, thy grievous sin bemoan," occupies both sides of a twelve-inch disc.

A small Columbia record gives two part-songs sung by a Maori choir. The singing is not extraordinary, like that of the Cossacks, but it is musically superior to the examples of singing by Welsh choirs recently recorded.

Having suffered the censure of musical friends, I feel some shame in admitting that I like the Columbia record of "The Lost Chord" (DX 128). The soloist, Francis Allen, mouths his words, but the use of voices to assist the accompaniment is strikingly effective.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### THE THREAT TO MUSIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It cannot be denied that the coming into widespread popularity of what has been aptly termed "mechanical music" presents a very serious menace to concert-giving, and possibly also to the teaching and preparation of artists for public performances. Managers of cinemas and other places of amusement do not realise how large a section of their patrons intensely miss the well-balanced "band," or small orchestra, which served so admirably—with very few exceptions—to intensify the significance of the "silent film." Incidental music, in drama or otherwise, when aptly chosen and well performed, is a solace to the sympathetic listener that—even with the most approved mechanism—can scarcely be replaced by "canned" selections. Were it even for interludes, managers in picture-houses might well reconsider more frequently the tastes of those listeners who, themselves, play the piano, violin or other instrument, and follow with real appreciation items contributed by well-trained players who can be seen as well as heard.

This is only a side-issue of the thoughts suggested by Mr. Duffy's address and Mr. Fitzgerald's letter. The latter endorses the former's suggestion that a public meeting might be called and an organisation started forthwith that should lead to the legalising of the profession of music proper, the registration of its teachers, and the safeguarding generally of its many-sided interests and projects. The idea is an excellent one, and all serious musicians might hope that it will early be realised.

There is surely no reason why a skilled calling, like that of the professional music-maker (whether composer, executant or teacher), should not be placed on as firm a basis of recognition as, say, those of the fully qualified physician or lawyer. Such a scheme would mean more than a trade union of fellow-workers. It would give that "licence to teach and practise" which is so essential to cultural callings of all kinds. The question of amateur and professional needs also to be taken into consideration. If the amateur be really a lover of the art for love's sake, he or she will scarcely want to encroach upon the earnings of those who have to live by the profession of music. All these subjects, and many others, could be most fully dealt with by such an organisation as Messrs. Duffy and Fitzgerald have broached.—Yours, etc.,

ANNIE W. PATTERSON.

Cork, January 8th, 1931.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mr. J. B. Quirke makes two statements which appear to me to be based on an incomplete knowledge of facts. He says: "Anyoody who has the appreciation of music would much prefer to hear a symphony played by a first-class orchestra on the modern gramaphone or by wireless than hear the same symphony performed at a public concert by an indifferent orchestra." The second statement is this: "The one orchestra which now gives would-be symphony concerts in Dublin can only be described as second-rate when compared with the B.B.C. orchestra."

To draw a comparison between a gramaphone or wireless orchestral performance and a concert performance shows a lack of appreciation of the difference between the two. In the present state of its development, it is not possible for the microphone to reproduce with fidelity the various shades of tone represented in a modern orchestra, and neither the extreme notes of the violin in its high register nor the low notes of the double bass can be heard. The brass, over the wireless, sounds like a cheap toy trumpet, while the tympani suggest the falling of peas into a can. When the gramaphone began its system of electrical recording, one company made effective use of the slogan, "Listen to the bass." Now, while the possible compass of the gramaphone had been considerably extended downward, it scarcely went below the low C of the 'cello. The quality and power of the bass tone could not for a moment be compared to that of a "human" orchestra. The same criticism applies to the wireless. Imagination plays a large part in the enjoyment of a wireless or gramaphone performance. We imagine we hear what it is not possible to hear, and it is only possible to get the thrill of the brass in the "Tannhauser" or the "Meistersinger" overtures with the aid of our imagination.

If a concert performance of a symphony is reasonably good—such a performance, for instance, as we get from our own Philharmonic under Colonel Brasé—I would infinitely prefer it to any machine-made performance by an orchestra twice the size and twice as efficient. The advantage of the wireless is that it is convenient. If people could not switch on an orchestral performance, just as they switch on their electric light—if they had to visit a concert hall in the city in order to hear orchestral music—I wonder if they would prefer a gramaphone recital or a wireless performance to a concert by a good local orchestra. Mr. Quirke is of opinion that the formation of a first-rate orchestra in Dublin is quite an easy matter. Perhaps, he will tell us how it can be achieved when so many share his views as to the relative merits of the wireless and the gramaphone as compared with the concert performance.—Yours, etc.,

"H. R. W."

Dublin, January 8th, 1931.

### DEATHS OF PEERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—During the year just ended thirty-four peers died, but, though this number is certainly a high one, it does not reach anything like the rate of mortality which occurred in 1929, when as many as forty-two members of the peerage passed away, which assuredly must be the greatest number on record. The obituary list of M.P.'s in 1930 was likewise smaller than that of the preceding year—namely, eight as against twelve.—Yours, etc.,

ALGERNON ASHTON.

London, January 7th, 1931.

# STOCK EXCHANGE

## CLERKS' ASSOCIATION DANCE.

UNDER the auspices of the Dublin Stock Exchange Clerks' Association, a most successful dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last night. This dance was the Association's first annual venture, and it was gratifying to the committee to see such a large attendance. Barn dances and Paul Jones figured on the programme, and the "spot" dance prizes were presented by Mr. G. L. Kennedy (President of the Dublin Stock Exchange). Among those present were Mrs. Kennedy, who was gowned in a smart black toilette, with a coatee trimmed white fox fur. Miss Armstrong was wearing white lace, and Miss Mullaney was in a white georgette frock. A flame-coloured gown was worn by Miss Dockrell, Miss Polly Fitzherbert's blue flowered chiffon gown had a deep hem of blue georgette, Miss Feacha was also wearing blue, and Miss Glover green flowered chiffon. Saxe blue satin was chosen by Miss Vera Pheasant, Miss Eileen Pheasant came in a crimson georgette frock, Miss Byrne wore a powder-blue georgette frock, while Mrs. J. G. Place's gown was of black and silver brocade. White was chosen by Miss Pickering, Miss Doris Conlen was wearing a duck-egg blue *ensemble*, Miss Josephine de Courcy Wheeler was in an attractive brown velvet and fish-net frock, while Miss Edie Martin and Miss Griffin were both wearing pink toilettes. A black frock was worn by Miss Howard, Miss Cooper's gown was of blue flowered chiffon, and Miss J. Murray was wearing a white satin frock.

The attendance included:—G. L. Kennedy (President of Dublin Stock Exchange) and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. B. Kennedy and Miss S. Kennedy, J. Foxall (Vice-President), Fred. Howard, Miss I. Glover, J. F. Meagher, Miss Vera Pheasant, Miss Hilliard, Miss Armstrong, Miss Burne, H. C. FitzHerbert, E. S. FitzHerbert, D. Pringle, Miss P. FitzHerbert, Miss E. Martin, O. Murphy, Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, Miss J. Mullaney, J. G. Place (Secretary, Dublin Stock Exchange) and Mrs. Place, Miss Place, Mr. W. A. E. Campbell (Assistant Secretary, Dublin Stock Exchange) and Mrs. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. McKay, Misses Bell, E. Duff, H. Millington, Captain F. Barclay, G. M. O'Callaghan, M. McCusker, L. Byrne, Miss M. Byrne, Miss B. Keenan, C. Martin, Miss M. Smith, T. J. Meagher, Miss K. O'Reilly, T. Willis, H. Skuse, Misses Clampett, T. C. Goff, Mr. K. Vaughan, Miss E. Pheasant.

## CULWICK CHOIR'S BROADCAST.

### PART-SONGS FROM 2RN.

Last night's programme from the Dublin and Cork Broadcasting Stations included a performance by the choir of the Culwick Choral Society. Occupying about half an hour, the broadcast by the choir included madrigals, part-songs and arrangements of folk-songs, as performed at the Society's concert in the Metropolitan Hall, Dublin, last month. Mr. J. Turner Huggard, F.R.C.O., conducted.

It was a special pleasure to have this second opportunity of hearing the part-song "Twilight Voices," a setting of words by William Allingham, composed by Mr. Geoffrey Molyneux Palmer. Dedicated to the Culwick Choir and to the memory of Miss Florence Culwick, this charming little work received its first performance at the recent concert, when the choir's treatment of it *con amore* enhanced the music's power to charm. Other choral societies might enjoy the study of the part-song. Such sympathetic treatment of Allingham's lines is naturally a proper constituent of Irish concert programme.

Obbligato.

# "THE DUBLIN MAGAZINE."

The January-March quarterly issue of *The Dublin Magazine* (edited by Seumas O'Sullivan) devotes considerable attention to Miss Natalie Clifford Barney. She is an American of Irish descent, resident in Paris, who writes in both French and English. A translation of a chapter from her last book, "Aventures de l'Esprit," published in 1930, appears. It records eight letters, written to her by Marcel Proust, and provides a remarkable insight into Proust's extraordinary character. Mr. Vincent O'Sullivan, in "Literature in France," adds much interesting detail about Miss Barney's work, and her status in the literary and social life of Paris. Mr. Dermot Freyer's "Two Short Stories" are of an unusual degree of excellence in conception and expression. There are poems by Mr. F. R. Higgins and Mr. Lyle Donaghy, two young Irish writers, who show the tendency of present-day Anglo-Irish verse, and Mr. R. L. Megroz' study of Sir Ronald Ross, scientist and poet, is of absorbing interest. The Bibliographical Notes and Book Reviews are comprehensive in character and of high standard.

# THE PRINCESS royal.

## BODY CONVEYED TO WINDSOR.

The body of the Princess Royal was conveyed by road from her home in Portman square, London, to Windsor Castle last night. Owing to the fog, which was very dense in parts, the arrival of the hearse was delayed.

The hearse proceeded to the Albert Memorial Chapel, into which the coffin was conveyed by members of the Castle fire brigade, under Chief Officer Chadwick. There it will rest until the funeral on Saturday.

Those present when the body arrived included Colonel the Hon. Sir George Crichton, Controller of the Lord Chamberlain's Department, who superintended the arrangements.

During the night Sisters of Mercy watched the body. A number of wreaths were placed on and around the coffin.

## KING'S TELEGRAM TO LORD IRWIN.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*VICEROY'S CAMP, DIMAPORE, ASSAM, Thursday.*

The Viceroy has received the following message from the King:—"I desire to offer Lady Irwin and yourself and the people of India my grateful and sincere thanks for the message of sympathy which you so kindly sent me on the death of my beloved sister, the Princess Royal."

## MR. T. P. GILL.

The condition of Mr. T. P. Gill was reported this morning to be slightly improved. The former Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland has been seriously ill for the past week.

One hundred and eighty unemployed men have so far been given work at the sewerage works which are being carried out by the Drogheda Corporation, with the aid of a Government grant of £700. The men, who get three days' work each week, are being employed through the local labour exchange.

At Roughan Lough, Dungannon, a sportsman, at grave personal risk, rescued his setter dog which had gone out on the ice and fallen into the water. The animal was unable to regain his footing, and its owner, procuring a hatchet, smashed his way out to the animal, although the water reached his shoulders.

# BROADCASTING.

## TO-DAY.

SPECIAL ITEMS.

7.45—Vaudeville (National).
8.30—An Hour of Opera (Dublin).
9. 0—"Music of the Sea" (Midland Regional).

**DUBLIN (2RN)—413 Metres.**

1.30-2.0—Time, Stock Exchange, Weather, Gramaphone Concert. 6.0—Gramaphone. 6.15—Lair i dTir na nOg: Paulyne Bindley, Maura Laverty, and J. J. Henry. 7.0—Gramaphone. 7.30—News. 7.30 — Time, Gramaphone. 7.45 — Monologues: Pauls Luby. 8.0—Dr. Annie Patterson, "Irish Melody and the Uilleann Pipes" (illustrated by own compositions), assisted by J. Allison (bass-baritone): Ivernia Series I. and Ivernia Series III. (arr. Patterson), Prelude for Piano, Grania of Tara (Patterson), Nature's Melody Trees (Original Gaelic Song), At Parting from "Six Original Gaelic Songs" (Patterson), A Winter's Dream (from "Four Seasons Love Songs). 8.30 — Operatic Hour: Paulyne Bindley, Edward Lear, Hubert Dunkerley, with Station Sextet. 9.30—Esme Biddle and Ian Priestly-Mitchell: Dramatic Vignette, entitled "This Age of Youth," and a Comedy Duologue, entitled "There's Many a Slip." 10.0—Ianthe Bell (piano): Andante Con Moto, Allegro from Sonata in F Minor (Beethoven). 10.15—Station Sextet. 10.30—Time, News, Weather.

**NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.).**

10.15 a.m.—Daily Service. 10.30—Time, Shipping Forecast. 10.45-11.0—"The Invalid's Day"—I. "Our Debt to Invalids," by the Conductor of the Morning Services. 12.0—Sonata Recital, Maria Wilson (violin), Henry Bronkhurst (pianoforte). 12.30—Organ Recital by Leonard H Warner. Tom Purvis (tenor). 1.30-2.30—Recital of Gramaphone Records, by Christopher Stone. 4.0—Moschetto and his Orchestra. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—"Yesterday and To-day"—I. Mrs. St. Lee Strachey. 6.15—Weather, First News, London Stock Exchange Report, Fat Stock Prices for Farmers. 6.40—The Foundations of Music, Bach's Pianoforte Music, played by Frederick Dawson. 7.0-7.20—Mr. Val Gielgud, Productions Director: "Radio Drama." 7.22—"Contact Between Peoples To-day"—I. Professor C. Delisle Burns: "Soap and Rubber: Our Dependence upon Tropical Peoples." 7.45—Vaudeville, Doris and Elsie Waters (entertainers), the Destefano Brothers (accordionists), Dorothy McBlain (the Girl who whistles in her Throat). "A Sister to Assist 'Er," by John le Breton; Mrs. May, Vernon Watson; Mrs. McMull, Doris Fenney, Leslie Weston (comedian), Geraldo's Gaucho Tango Orchestra. 9.0—Weather, Second News. 9.15—Shipping Forecast, New York Stock Market Report. 9.20—"People and Things," the Hon. Harold Nicolson. 9.35—Concerts of Contemporary Music (Fifth Season, 1931). I.—Arnold Schönberg, Margot Hinnenberg-Lefebre (soprano). The B.B.C. Orchestra. (Leader, Arthur Catterall.) Conducted by Arnold Schönberg. Prelude and Fugue in E Flat, for Organ (Bach). (Transcribed for full Orchestra by Arnold Schönberg.) Margot Hinnenberg-Lefebre and Orchestra: Erwartung, A Monodrama. (Words by Marie Pappenheim.) (Music by Arnold Schönberg, Op. 17.) 10.30—Gershom Parkington Quintet. Music by Percy Fletcher. 11.0-12.0—Dance Music.

**MANCHESTER, 376.4 Metres (797 Kc.), and LEEDS 299 Metres (1,500 Kc.).**

10.15—Daily Service. 10.30-11.0—National. 4.0—Concert by the present students of the Manchester Royal College of Music. Phyllis Sutcliffe (pianoforte), Eva Hargles (soprano), Eunice Wignall (violin), T. Iorworth Griffiths (baritone). 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—National. 9.15—North of England News. 9.20—National. 10.0-11.0—Ballad Concert. Cyril Jackson and Owen Le O. Franklyn (Duets for Two Pianofortes). John Lupton Whitelock (flute) and Eric Fogg (pianoforte), Douglas Bentley (violoncello).

**MIDLAND REGIONAL—479.2 Metres (626 Kc.).**

12.0—Midland Studio Orchestra. 1.15—London Regional. 2.15-3.0—Jack Kerr and his Band. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—Jack Kerr and his Band. 6.15—Weather, First News. 6.40—Light Viennese Programme: Ena Forst (Contralto), the Serge Krish Septet. 8.0—Jack Kerr and his Band. 8.25—Midland News. 8.30—London Regional. 9.0—"Music of the Sea": The Midland Studio Orchestra, Albert Townsend (Base). 10.15—Weather, Second News. 10.30-11.0—London Regional.

**BELFAST—242.3 Metres (1,238 Kc.).**

10.15-10.30—Daily Service. 12.0—Sibbald Treacy and his Quartet. 12.30-1.0—Gramaphone. 7.30—The Romano Rhythm Boys. 4.15—Afternoon Concert: Anne Duthie (Soprano), the Belfast Wireless Orchestra. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—National. 9.15—Regional News. 9.20—National. 10.0—Light Orchestral Concert: Marjorie Sinclair (Soprano), the Belfast Wireless Orchestra.

**LONDON REGIONAL—356.3 Metres (842 Kc.).**

10.15—National. 11.0-11.30—Experimental Television Transmission by the Baird Process (356.3 m. Vision, 261.3 m. Sound). 12.0—Midland Regional. 1.15—Moschetto and his Orchestra. 2.15-3.0—Midland Regional. 4.0—National. 5.15—Jack Kerr and his Band. 6.15—Weather, First News. 6.40—Light Viennese Programme. 8.0—A Pianoforte Recital by Olive Bloom. 8.25—Regional News. 8.30—"The Treasures of Persia"—I.: Miss V. Sackville-West: "What Persia looks like." 9.0—Callender's Band, Herbert Thorpe (Tenor). 10.15—Weather, Second News. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music. 12.0-12.30 a.m.—Experimental Television Transmission by the Baird Process (356.3 m. Vision, 261.3 m. Sound).

**FOREIGN STATIONS.**

7. 0—Vienna (516.3 m.): Richard Strauss conducts own compositions.
8.10—Munich (533 m.): Symphony Concert.

## A DUBLIN BROADCAST.

Last night the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Senator Alfred Byrne, in a programme sponsored by Messrs. Cahill and Co., Ltd., Parkgate Printing Works, Dublin, broadcast an appeal for support of the Irish Printing Trade.

He pointed out that many of the articles purchased daily—the pot of jam and the draperies from the sales—were mostly done up in bags and boxes not printed upon in the Irish Free State. People could assist employment in the trade by inquiring when making their purchases where the containers had been made and where had the printing been done.

Earlier in the afternoon the Lord Mayor visited Messrs. Cahill's printing works, and was received and shown round by the directors, accompan

# Youngest Life Governor.

## Daughter of Rugby International.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

MISS MARY ELISE BYERS, the four months old daughter of Mr. Rowland Byers, the Irish Rugby international, and Mrs. Byers, has the distinction of being elected Governor of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and she is probably the youngest hospital life governor in the world. Mrs. Byers, who is a daughter of the Northern Ireland Minister of Commerce (Right Hon. J. Milne Barbour), and resides at Portland place, London, sent a donation of £50 to the Royal Victoria Hospital to nominate her baby daughter a Life Governor. Mr. Byers is the son of the late Sir John Byers, who was for many years closely associated with the Royal Victoria Hospital, and Lady Byers, who still resides in Belfast. He is an Oxford Rugby Blue, and represented Ireland on four occasions in 1928-9.

MR. R. BYERS.

# Hospital Patients.

## Doctors' Complaint.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CORK, Thursday.*

STATEMENTS that people who could afford to pay doctors' fees were being treated at the ratepayers' expense in Macroom Cottage Hospital were made by two Macroom doctors, who appeared before the meeting of the South Cork Board of Public Assistance to-day.

Dr. Kelleher, one of the doctors, declared that it was never intended that the staffs of the hospital should devote their time, or give their services to people in big positions, who, if they were not satisfied to be treated in their own homes, had numerous public institutions in Cork, where they could be treated for a reasonable fee. With Dr. Gould he contended that a man in an important position has no real claim to have his wife treated practically at the outdoor relief fee. Anything in the nature of an abuse of the hospital would interfere with them in their practice.

**A DELICATE QUESTION.**

The Chairman (Mr. P. O'Donoghue) said that the question was a very delicate one. There were many farmers wives who were in poor circumstances, and not in a position to pay a doctor four or five guineas and a nurse as well.

Dr. Kelleher—If farmers' wives and bank officials' wives can come in here, get treated and only pay 16s. or 17s. per week we might as well close the doors.

Alderman Allen said that setting the beds to paying patients when they were available was helping the ratepayers.

Dr. O'Connor, who is on the hospital staff, said that the matter was one of pure jealousy, but this was denied by Dr. Kelleher.

The Chairman said that the committee was not going to take part in a row between doctors.

Alderman Allen said that the committee had no power to alter the scale of charges, which had been fixed by the Board of Assistance, and approved by the Minister.

**THE CHARGES.**

He suggested that the whole matter be referred to the Board of Assistance. He was glad, he added, that the Cottage Hospital was there for the benefit of the poor of Macroom, and of that part of the County Cork. If the Board had fixed the charges for treatment he would not be a party to altering that scale of charges.

Alderman Allen's suggestion was agreed to, and it was decided to embody it in a recommendation to the Board of Assistance.

# Herring Harvest.

## Season Extended at Wexford.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*ENNISCORTHY, Thursday.*

THE run of herrings in Wexford Harbour is so exceptional this year that the fishermen who catch herrings there recently sent a memorial to the Free State Ministry for Fisheries asking for an extension of the season. The ordinary season is the months of October, November and December. For the first time in the history of the port the fishermen sought permission this year to fish during the month of January.

There is nothing to prevent them from plying their nets in the open bay and off the coast, even though the sea within the three miles limit comes within the jurisdiction of the Slaney Board of Fishery Conservators, but a by-law of the Board prohibits fishing within the harbour, except during the three last months of the year.

This is a special measure to protect the salmon running to the mouth of the Slaney on their annual return from the deep waters of the seas.

**SHOALS OF HERRINGS.**

The case put up by the fishermen was that there are shoals of herrings in the harbour at present, and that they are making £10 to £16 a boat for every night's fishing. As unemployment and distress are so prevalent they considered that the opportunity to profit by the unusual supply of fish should not be wasted.

The Free State Ministry of Fisheries was willing to concede the extension for the whole month of January, and on Wednesday they sent Miss Scully, fishery inspector, to Enniscorthy to meet the Slaney Board of Conservators and get their opinion on the application.

The Conservators had no objection to an extension for a fortnight, with a proviso that application could be renewed at the end of that time for an extra week, and from week to week while the reasons for the concession remained the same.

The inspector accordingly granted the concession for a fortnight purely as a temporary measure.

# BICYCLE THIEF.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*STRABANE, Thursday.*

When a young man named Patrick Gamble was charged at Stranorlar District Court to-day by Superintendent Smith, Raphoe, with the larceny of a bicycle, the property of Charles Temple, Ballybofey, value £4 10s., the Superintendent said that, apparently, this man had a mania for stealing bicycles. He had just emerged from prison, and there was a number of previous sentences at divers places against this man.

Justice O'Hanrahan said that this man had become a plague and a pest to the community. He sentenced him to six months' imprisonment. The next time he came before him he would send him forward for trial by the Circuit Court, where he would be liable to penal servitude.

# COSTLY POTEEN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*AUGHNACLOY, Thursday.*

Peter Hackett, farmer, Mullaghtinny, and James Duffy, labourer, Cullamore, were fined £10 each at a Licensing Court at Aughnacloy to-day for having poteen in their possession. A half-glass of the spirits was found in the house of Hackett, who had two previous convictions against him. Duffy, who pleaded guilty, and at whose house three quarts were found concealed, said that the spirits had been left with him for use at a hunt on Boxing Day.

# A Deadlock.

## Derry Dockers' Strike.

### Request to Belfast Workers.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*DERRY, Thursday.*

DERRY dockers' strike continues, the situation remaining unchanged. Mr. Gillespie, Area Secretary for Ireland of the Transport and General Workers' Union, visited Derry to-day in connection with the dispute, and afterwards stated that a complete deadlock had been reached.

Major McConnell, of the Northern Ministry of Labour, also visited the city, and the men's representatives agreed to enter a conference under the chairmanship of Major McConnell to consider the demands of the company, provided the men returned to work on *status quo* basis. This proposal was turned down by Mr. McCarter, the Burns-Laird Line Company's agent, who said that he was prepared to go into conference provided the terms of reference were that the men agree to accept the company's proposals regarding additional weight in each heave.

The men subsequently held a meeting, and refused to agree to the additional weight demand, and as a conference under the circumstances would be futile, Mr. Gillespie returns to Dublin to-morrow.

Major McConnell went back to Belfast to-day.

The Ministry of Labour has decided not to pay benefit to any of the dockers subsequent to last Saturday pending consideration of the test cases by the Court of Referees.

It is believed that a settlement of the strike will not be effected for a considerable time.

In the meantime representations have been made to the dockers in Belfast not to handle goods which would otherwise be handled in Derry if there was no strike.

# Old Waterford Landmark.

## Ballybricken Bull Post.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*WATERFORD, Thursday.*

ONE of the most interesting of the old Waterford landmarks, as well as, up to recently, one of the best preserved, is the old Bull Post on Ballybricken Hill. The post now has a modern use as well as historical tradition. It has been utilised by the Electricity Supply Board as a base for one of their electric standards, and in this way has found its place in the schemes of present-day progress.

The old Bull Post has been down the ages associated with some of the liveliest times in Waterford's civil and political history. From the end of the sixteenth and well into the seventeenth century bull-baiting was the favourite pastime of the middle and lower classes of Waterford City, and received the sanction and full support of the Corporation of the time. In fact the Corporation was then generally known as the "Grand Council of the Bull Ring," the bull ring being the entire square of Ballybricken. The Council of the time appointed a personage who was styled the "Mayor of the Bull Ring," the "mayor" being generally High Constable in charge of the civic forces of the city. This official was charged with the carrying out of the bull baits, which were held each Michaelmas and New Year's Days.

**BULL-BAITING.**

The "sport" of bull-baiting was a cruel one, and a description of it would here be out of place, but a curious custom was invariably connected with it. The new "mayor," in order to ensure his popularity with the proletariat, always made it a personal concern to purchase a new rope for the bull-baits. This he presented with some ceremony to the organisers on the day of the public games. As a matter of fact the Corporation of the day provided any supplemental ropes required out of public funds.

As an instance of this fact there is an entry in the Corporation books of October, 1714, of the following item: "Ordered that a bull-rope be provided at the charge of the city revenue."

The "Mayor of the Bull Ring" was usually a bachelor, and as such was regarded as the unofficial guardian of all the bachelors of the city. When a marriage of one of these bachelors took place the "mayor" claimed the privelege of being the first to kiss the bride. This privelege was as readily granted as it was insisted upon, and it took place in presence of a highly delighted and hilarious mob at the old Bull Post of Ballybricken Green.

# Oliver Plunkett Union.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*LIMERICK, Thursday.*

The Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P., V.F., Bruff, presided at the Oliver Plunkett Union Social re-union at Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, this evening. The Most Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Limerick, was the guest of honour.

The Chairman, proposing the health of "The Pope," said that the visit of the Union to Limerick would be a helpful factor in contributing towards the purposes for which it was formed by a Limerick priest, the late Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome.

DR. KEANE.

An address on the Vocational Education Act was given by the Very Rev. Dr. Wigmore, Fermoy.

The Right Rev. Canon Scannell, D.D., President, St. Finbarr's College, Cork, said that the heads of education in this country were well meaning men, who knew the requirements of the country. There were certain dangers in the Act which could be countered.

The Right Rev. Monsignor J. J. Ryan, Thurles, proposing the toast of "The Bishop," referred to the happy relations that had existed between the Diocese of Limerick and the Arch-Diocese of Cashel. He paid high tribute to Bishop Keane as an eminent ecclesiastic, and to the many services he had rendered to Limerick and Cashel.

Dr. Keane, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to attend that reunion, especially as the founder of the Oliver Plunkett Union was a Limerick man. He would always be glad to hear of its success and progress.

# Ploughing Match.

## Inter-County Contest.

A meeting of ploughing enthusiasts from Wexford, Wicklow, Kildare, Dublin and Kilkenny was held at the Permanent Exhibition of Irish Industries, 3 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to consider the holding of an Inter-County Ploughing Competition. Mr. D. Frame, Cooke Abbey, Bray, presided.

It was unanimously resolved that an Inter-County Ploughing Match, open to teams of three competitors from any county, be held at Athy on February 16th, the winning team to choose the venue in subsequent years, but the competition not to be held two years in succession in the same county.

Mr. D. Frame intimated that he would present a perpetual Challenge Cup for the competition, and those present expressed willingness to enter teams. Six counties have entered and all arrangements for the carrying through of the event falls to the Committee of the home team, Kildare in this case.

# STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS' DANCE.

Group taken at the Stock Exchange Clerks' Association Dance, held in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last night.

# Abduction Case.

## Judge and Defendant.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CLONMEL, Thursday.*

At Clonmel Circuit Criminal Sessions, before Judge Sealy, an adjourned case was mentioned in which a young man, Daniel O'Connell, Corbally, Drangan, pleaded guilty at the October Court to an offence against a girl, Margaret Ryan, Cooleagh, under 16 years of age, and also to abducting her by taking her from the custody of her parents.

Mr. J. G. Skinner, solicitor for the accused man, said that O'Connell had given an undertaking at the October Court to marry the girl.

O'Connell was called, and Mr. Skinner asked him why he did not marry the girl. He replied that he would marry her all right, but the parish priest had put him astray as regards the date of the sitting of the court.

Mr. O'Connor, State Solicitor—The parish priest said that he would marry them at any time.

The Judge (to the defendant)—You were here before me in October, and there was a suggestion you were willing to marry the girl.

O'Connell—She wished to keep it back.

Mr. Skinner—Give him this chance, your Honour, and he will marry the girl.

The Judge (to the defendant)—I will be sitting here again on March 18th, and I will give you one more chance to see if you intend to marry the girl. If you come back here with the same excuse I will have to deal with you in a different way. You had better marry the girl, if her people are willing.

The case was then further adjourned to the Circuit Court in March next.

# Cattle Shipments.

## Port Board's Concern.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*DUNDALK, Thursday.*

FURTHER complaints that Dundalk Port was not being fairly treated as a shipping centre for England were made at the meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday, when a letter was read from Mr. David Barry, general manager of the Dundalk and Newry Steampacket Company, in reply to complaints made at a previous meeting.

"We are at one with your Board in being dissatisfied with the present livestock shipments," wrote Mr. Barry, "as, notwithstanding every effort on our part, the steamer operating the trade during the current year has never had a full cargo, and consequently the service has been anything but economic. We have, times without number, informed you that we are quite prepared to arrange whatever sailings are necessary, and we can assure you that no stone has been left unturned to secure the maximum stock with the result set out above."

Mr. Barry added that if a Monday sailing was preferable to one on Tuesday, the company would agree to the change.

**"NOT A BOX OF FOWL."**

The Chairman (Mr. Twibill) said that the letter was very nice, but it was a very strange fact that while 2,000 to 3,000 cattle could be shipped by Greenore every week, the number sent from Dundalk was often only 150. He also was well aware that during the Christmas rush not a box of fowl was shipped direct from Dundalk, while in previous years hundreds of tons had been sent in this way. If the company actually was catering for the cattle trade, it was funny that this trade was passing the port, and going to Greenore and other ports.

Mr. Glendon said that complaints were made that cattle from Navan could not be railed to Dundalk in time for a mid-day boat, and they had to be sent to Dublin. The fact was that Mr. Barry's company got the shipment all right, but they should have gone *via* Dundalk.

**DEMAND FOR SHIPMENTS.**

Mr. Barry must be aware that during the past weeks there had been times when the Greenore steamers were not able to cope with the demand for shipments of cattle to be shipped on Mondays, and the remainder had to be sent from Dundalk on Tuesdays. That did not speak very well for Mr. Barry's efforts to secure the trade for the port of Dudalk.

The Board decided to have a meeting with the cattle shippers, and to ascertain their views as to improvements needed in the service.

# TOURIST TRAFFIC.

The monthly meeting of the Council of Management of the Ulster Tourist Development Association, Ltd., was held at the registered offices, 6 Royal avenue, Belfast, yesterday. Mr. Robert Baillie, Chairman, presided.

The question of the erection of electric standards throughout the province was reviewed, and the hope was expressed that in all undertakings the greatest care should be exercised in the placing of these standards.

The question of the production of a film of Ulster scenery was again discussed, and data were placed before the Council. The matter was favourably received, and it is hoped that some time in the future it would be found possible to undertake this form of publicity.

Correspondence was read regarding the proposed resumption of the Greenore-Holyhead service, and it was reported that the Association was in communication with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company on the matter.

# EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CLONMEL, Thursday.*

A case adjourned from October Circuit Court was mentioned at Clonmel to-day before Judge Sealy, in which a middle-aged woman, Mrs. Catherine Dunne, was charged with "that at the Commons, Thurles, she being then a clerk or servant of the Ministry for Posts and Telegraphs, embezzled a sum of £83 2s. 10d., the property of the Minister." It was stated that the accused woman had been post-mistress at the Commons when the offence occurred. It was also stated that £45 had been paid in by her, and another £16 would be paid later. The case was adjourned to the June sitting.

At Tipperary fat pig market yesterday quotations were 53s. per cwt., live-weight, an increase of 1s. per cwt. on last week. There was a small supply and a brisk demand.

# West Waterford Hunt Ball.

## Big Gathering at Lismore Castle.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*LISMORE, Thursday.*

THE annual ball under the auspices of the West Waterford Hunt was held in the ballroom of Lismore Castle last night. There was a large gathering present, including the leading members of the East and West Waterford Hunts, the United Hunts, Duhallows, Tipperary Hounds, Limerick Hunt, South Union and Muskerry Hunts.

The ballroom was beautifully decorated with hunting trophies and hunt colours. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the Hon. Claud Anson, Ballyin, Lismore, assisted by Mr. M. Fitzgerald, Ardmore, and Mr. T. C. Williams, solicitor, Dungarvan, hon. sec. of the West Waterford Hunt. The music was supplied by Miss Billy Weiner's band, Dublin, while the catering arrangements were carried out by Mrs. Lawlor, Naas.

Among those present were:—Lady Eleanor Keane and the Misses Keane, Mrs. R. H. Keane, the Misses Keane and Mr. R. Keane, the Countess of Donoughmore and party, General and the Misses Perceval, the Marquess and Marchioness of Waterford, Lady Susan Dawney and Messrs. Dawney and party, Miss Leslie, Mrs. Chearnley, Miss Chearnley and party, Mr. I. and Mrs. Villiers-Stuart, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. F. Richardson, Lady Cynthia Tothill, Captain Atkinson, Mr. R. Holroyd Smyth, General and Mrs. Brady, Mr. E. C. and Mrs. Penrose and party, Mr. H. Villiers-Stuart, Mr. T. Hallanan, Lady Dobbs, Mrs. Percy Smyth, Mr. Gerald Villiers-Stuart, Mr. David Hall, Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. B. Nicholson, the Rev. E. H. Dorman, Mr. Cleeve and party, Miss Anson, Lady Patricia Miller, the Misses Lindsay, Captain and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. T. C. Williams, solicitor; Mr. Holroyd Smyth, Mr. Moore and party, Mr. McCarthy Murrough and party, Mr. Edmond Harrington and party, Mr. Sterne and Miss Cleeve, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Martin and party, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer and party.

MARQUESS OF WATERFORD.

# Prison for Fraud.

## Drink Cause of Downfall.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

James McClurg, of Dufferin avenue, Bangor, who had pleaded guilty to having embezzled the sum of £356, the property of Messrs. Pratt and Montgomery, Ltd., was put forward for sentence at the Belfast Recorder's Court to-day.

Mr. Fox (instructed by Mr. J. Morrow) said that the accused man had been in the employment of the firm for fifteen or sixteen years. Drink was substantially the cause of his downfall. The amount involved was £356, but against that there was a sum of £107 due to the accused for commission, leaving a balance of £249. The accused had now got a job as Ulster representative of a reputable firm, and was prepared to make full restitution. Mr. Morrow had a sum of £200 in court, and the balance would be forthcoming on Friday.

The Recorder said that he had considered most carefully all that had been said on behalf of the accused man by Mr. Fox, and nothing more could be said. Counsel had urged him to treat the case as one for restitution, and to allow the defendant out. He (the Recorder) was sorry to say that he had come to the conclusion that he should not do that. He had formed the opinion that there was a course of embezzlement entered into after a previous course of embezzlement had been overlooked, and it had not the excuse of want or anything of that kind. He did not think it would be right to allow the accused man to go without punishment, and he must, therefore, impose a sentence of twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

# RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*WICKLOW, Thursday.*

At Wicklow yesterday, Guiseppe Vella, of Dublin, driver of a motor lorry, was returned for trial on bail, charged in connection with the death of Thomas Kavanagh (47), farmer, of Ballinameeda. While walking along the footpath at Barndarrig, Wicklow, on December 17th last driving a cow to Avoca fair Kavanagh was struck by the lorry and killed.

# FUNERAL OF MR. T. J. LISTON.

The remains of the late Mr. Terence J. Liston, manager of the Tipperary branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, were interred at Castlemahon, Newcastlewest, yesterday. The funeral procession, which started from St. Michael's Church after Requiem High Mass, was very large, and was representative of banking circles in many parts of Tipperary and Limerick.

# CYCLIST KILLED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*GOREY, Thursday.*

Thomas Connell (25), a farmer's son, of Kilanerin, Gorey, was cycling down a steep hill near his home, when the machine skidded on the frosty road, and he was thrown to the ground. His body was found later on the roadside. At the inquest Dr. Lawlor, Bunclody, returned a verdict "that Connell was accidentally thrown from his bicycle, was stunned and suffocated in the water table."

EAT BERMALINE BREAD AND SMILE.—(Advt.)

# Relief Schemes.

## Villages to Benefit.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*DUNDALK, Thursday.*

Public improvement schemes, which are destined to relieve unemployment among the fishermen in the fishing villages of County Louth and to benefit the villages concerned, have been adopted by the Louth Board of Health, and sanction from the Free State Local Government Department has been asked. The Health Board, believing that the schemes are such as come within the provisions of the grants for the relief of unemployment, has asked the assistance of the Government in carrying out the works.

The first work is the improvement of the water supply to the seaside and fishing village of Annagassan, where thirty-seven men are unemployed. The scheme, which provides for the erection of a reservoir and pumping plant at Lisnaran, is estimated to cost £2,740. Two-thirds of the expenditure will be on labour and the remainder on materials.

The second scheme, which has been approved, is the provision of a water supply for the seaside resort of Blackrock, three miles from Dundalk, which hitherto was badly off for want of an efficient water supply. This need was given as one of the things responsible for the failure of the resort to improve its popularity of recent years. The Board of Health engineer has reported that springs have been traced to the High Field near the village. The estimated cost of this scheme is £5,500, and a grant will also be sought for this work.

Smaller schemes for water supplies for Clogherhead and Baltray also were approved.

# Brothers in Trouble.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CLONMEL, Thursday.*

In the Clonmel Circuit Court, in an adjourned case against Richard McLoughlin and John McLoughlin, brothers, Spittal street, Tipperary, who had pleaded guilty at the October Court to stealing £50, the property of William Delaney, Spittal street, Tipperary, for whom they worked, it was stated that the accused, John McLoughlin, was under 16 years of age, and that the two defendants alleged that they took only £26. It also was stated that the elder boy had arranged to work, and pay back £30.

Judge Sealy said that he would postpone sentence for a year to see how the arrangement would be carried out.

# Linen Trade Dispute.

## Weavers Now Involved.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Monday.*

YESTERDAY a conference was held into the application of the Flax Spinners' Association for a reduction of twenty per cent. in the wages of the operatives in the spinning section of the linen industry, and it was decided to appoint a conciliator to preside at an adjourned conference on Monday next.

An application now has been made for a similar reduction in the wages of weavers and winders and other workers, to take effect from February 16th next. A conference is being arranged on the same lines as that held in connection with the spinners' wages, and probably a similar arrangement will be reached.

# Inviting Prices.

## But Orders on Small Scale.

The official report of the Belfast linen trade, issued this afternoon, states:—"The new year opens with business very quiet and orders scarce. On the whole, stocks in U.S.A., home and foreign markets are small, and might well be replenished. Prices for the whole range of linen goods are now most inviting, and, with a renewal of confidence, business should soon get started. White damasks have again come into favour, but there is an opening for new ideas, both in colour and style of manufacture. In cambrics and sheers there are rumours of some large orders having been placed already.

**DRESS LINENS.**

"Since the last report there has been a more active demand for dress linens from various markets, and the lower range of prices should make these goods attractive to buyers who appreciate good value. In the new Bleachers list, just issued, there is practically no change in cost of bleaching white dress linens and, while dyeing charges were revised some time ago, any further concessions, especially on vat dyes, would be of assistance to meet foreign competition.

"Although Christmas holidays, as usual, retarded business in the spinning section to a certain extent, they served to emphasise the paucity of stocks in the hands of both merchants and manufacturers. Bulk purchases by individual firms for delivery over an extended period are again recorded. Yarn values are now at bedrock, and producers have refused business put forward at cut prices.

**SLACKNESS IN ORDERS.**

"The usual slackness in orders which follows Christmas and the stocktaking at the end of the year is now being experienced by the weaving section of the industry, and thus there is nothing of an interesting nature to report as regards the probable needs of our customers. With reference to delivery, it is satisfactory that most manufacturers are being pushed for goods on order, indicating that the shelves of the linen trade's customers are very bare.

"The supplies of Irish flax are still very much below the average, as growers are still hoping that prices will improve. All the flax offered for sale has been bought up at unchanged prices. In Courtrai flax there is no change to report. It is rumoured that some scutchers are stopping work this week owing to the unremunerative prices, and, consequently, supplies will be probably still further reduced.

**THE SOVIETS.**

"The Soviets sold a further 2-3,000 tons last week, and they are still open to negotiate a similar quantity. So far the bulk of flax and line arriving at Riga has been in the lower sorts. Very little of the new crop has yet reached Belfast spinners, but a quantity is expected in the next steamer."

# THE LADY HARTY CUP.

Miss Griffith presenting the Lady Harty Cup to Miss B. Chance after her team had won the lacrosse competition at Leinster C.C. grounds, Rathmines, yesterday.

# Family Gassed.

## Narrow Escape.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

Mr. W. J. Fyffe, the caretaker of Messrs. Sawers, Ltd., Belfast, his wife and son had had a narrow escape from fatal gas poisoning this morning. When employés of the firm arrived they were unable to gain admission to the premises, and the door was forced open. There was a strong smell of gas, escaping from the kitchen gas bracket on the top storey, and Mr. and Mrs. Fyffe, his wife and son, aged 30, were found unconscious from gas fumes. They were taken to hospital, and Mr. Fyffe senior quickly recovered. Mrs. Fyffe and her son were somewhat worse, but this evening were reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

Dr. J. A. Musgrave, County Medical Officer of Health for Louth, attended Wednesday night's meeting of the Drogheda Corporation, and recommended the Council to start a campaign of immunisation in order to check diphtheria, which has been prevalent in the town for some months.

# Burglar Sentenced.

## Penal Servitude.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

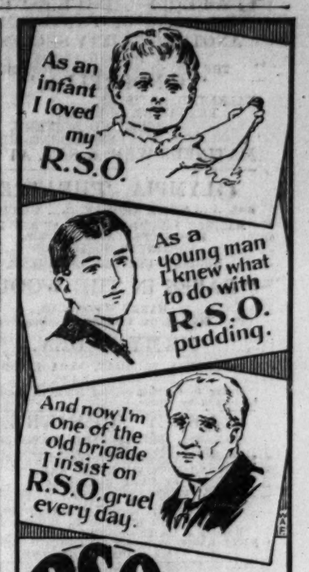
James Woods, of no fixed address, was sentenced by the Belfast Recorder to-day to five years' imprisonment for six burglaries in County Antrim, to which he had pleaded guilty. It was stated that the accused man was sentenced to death on the battlefield during the Great War, but was reprieved.

"I have read your statement," said the Recorder. "It is a very long and terrible record. The penalty in your case must be a severe one, and I sentence you to five years' penal servitude."

The accused man clicked his heels and turned round smartly in the dock before being taken away.

The Recorder commended Sergeant Ryan for the manner in which he traced and arrested the accused man.

The British Legion and United Services Fund Benevolent Committee for Baltinglass District Poppy Day appeal realised £153 7s.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# Government Grants.

## Wexford's Protest.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*WEXFORD, Thursday.*

A conference was held at Wexford to-day between the County Council and the T.D.'s for the county to discuss the position of agriculture and the steps to be taken to improve it. Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council, presided. The deputies present were Mr. Osmond Grattan Esmonde, Dr. J. Ryan, Alderman R. Corish, and Mr. D. Allen. The proceedings were private.

MR. O. GRATTAN ESMONDE.

At the close the Press was supplied with the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"That the withholding of Government grants on the ground of non-payment of land annuities is grossly unjust to the ratepayers in general, who are meeting their liabilities. Moreover, it is unreasonable to expect county councils to be responsible for money for the collection of which they have no concern.

"That steps be taken to have the existing law in this respect changed.

"That the provision and maintenance of motor roads be entirely from motor taxation.

"That the Government should take immediate steps to secure the legal rights to safeguard the national fishing rights on our coasts. At the present a single patrol boat is inadequate."

The conference also passed a resolution calling on Dr. Ryan, Messrs. Allen, Esmonde and Jordan to assist Alderman Corish in his efforts for the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works.

# THE MAYO LIBRARY APPOINTMENT.

## NEW LIBRARIAN TO START NEXT WEEK.

Miss Letitia Elizabeth Dunbar-Harrison, the recently appointed Librarian for County Mayo, intends to take up her new duties next week.

Born in Dublin in 1906, Miss Dunbar-Harrison is the niece and adopted daughter of the late Mr. John Harrison, and of Mrs. Harrison, of 72 Palmerston road, Dublin. She was educated at Alexandra School, Dublin, where she obtained honours in the Junior Grade, Intermediate, and won the Jeannie Turpin Essay Prize and the Helen Prenter Prize in English Literature. She remained at Alexandra School from 1918 until 1922, when she went to Alexandra College, and there secured the Lady Ardilaun Entrance Scholarship in French. Having passed the Middle and Senior Grade, Intermediate, she entered Trinity College in 1924, and obtained honours at term examinations in French and Spanish. In 1929 she graduated with Moderatorship in Modern Literature, French and Spanish, and since graduation she took a course of library training at the Dublin County Library and Rathmines Public Library, and attended a summer course of library training at University College.

Miss Dunbar-Harrison, after she left Trinity College, had six months' training at the County Dublin Library Headquarters at Kilmainham, and a further nine months' training in Rathmines Public Library, where she took charge of the Children's Library, and gave lectures to the children. She was also in the Reference Library in Rathmines When she graduated she began the study of the Irish language and Irish literature, under a competent Irish speaker.

**STUDY OF IRISH.**

To an *Irish Times* representative Miss Dunbar-Harrison stated yesterday that she is continuing her study of Irish. She was anxious to have the good-will and co-operation of the people of Mayo in her new position, and always would have the best interests of Mayo at heart. She would do her best to make a success of her new position, and hoped that all unpleasantness caused by her appointment soon would be forgotten.


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# Youngest Life Governor.

## Daughter of Rugby International.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

MISS MARY ELISE BYERS, the four months old daughter of Mr. Rowland Byers, the Irish Rugby international, and Mrs. Byers, has the distinction of being elected Governor of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and she is probably the youngest hospital life governor in the world. Mrs. Byers, who is a daughter of the Northern Ireland Minister of Commerce (Right Hon. J. Milne Barbour), and resides at Portland place, London, sent a donation of £50 to the Royal Victoria Hospital to nominate her baby daughter a Life Governor. Mr. Byers is the son of the late Sir John Byers, who was for many years closely associated with the Royal Victoria Hospital, and Lady Byers, who still resides in Belfast. He is an Oxford Rugby Blue, and represented Ireland on four occasions in 1928-9.

MR. R. BYERS.

# Hospital Patients.

## Doctors' Complaint.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CORK, Thursday.*

STATEMENTS that people who could afford to pay doctors' fees were being treated at the ratepayers' expense in Macroom Cottage Hospital were made by two Macroom doctors, who appeared before the meeting of the South Cork Board of Public Assistance to-day.

Dr. Kelleher, one of the doctors, declared that it was never intended that the staffs of the hospital should devote their time, or give their services to people in big positions, who, if they were not satisfied to be treated in their own homes, had numerous public institutions in Cork, where they could be treated for a reasonable fee. With Dr. Gould he contended that a man in an important position has no real claim to have his wife treated practically at the outdoor relief fee. Anything in the nature of an abuse of the hospital would interfere with them in their practice.

**A DELICATE QUESTION.**

The Chairman (Mr. P. O'Donoghue) said that the question was a very delicate one. There were many farmers wives who were in poor circumstances, and not in a position to pay a doctor four or five guineas and a nurse as well.

Dr. Kelleher—If farmers' wives and bank officials' wives can come in here, get treated and only pay 16s. or 17s. per week we might as well close the doors.

Alderman Allen said that setting the beds to paying patients when they were available was helping the ratepayers.

Dr. O'Connor, who is on the hospital staff, said that the matter was one of pure jealousy, but this was denied by Dr. Kelleher.

The Chairman said that the committee was not going to take part in a row between doctors.

Alderman Allen said that the committee had no power to alter the scale of charges, which had been fixed by the Board of Assistance, and approved by the Minister.

**THE CHARGES.**

He suggested that the whole matter be referred to the Board of Assistance. He was glad, he added, that the Cottage Hospital was there for the benefit of the poor of Macroom, and of that part of the County Cork. If the Board had fixed the charges for treatment he would not be a party to altering that scale of charges.

Alderman Allen's suggestion was agreed to, and it was decided to embody it in a recommendation to the Board of Assistance.

# Herring Harvest.

## Season Extended at Wexford.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*ENNISCORTHY, Thursday.*

THE run of herrings in Wexford Harbour is so exceptional this year that the fishermen who catch herrings there recently sent a memorial to the Free State Ministry for Fisheries asking for an extension of the season. The ordinary season is the months of October, November and December. For the first time in the history of the port the fishermen sought permission this year to fish during the month of January.

There is nothing to prevent them from plying their nets in the open bay and off the coast, even though the sea within the three miles limit comes within the jurisdiction of the Slaney Board of Fishery Conservators, but a by-law of the Board prohibits fishing within the harbour, except during the three last months of the year.

This is a special measure to protect the salmon running to the mouth of the Slaney on their annual return from the deep waters of the seas.

**SHOALS OF HERRINGS.**

The case put up by the fishermen was that there are shoals of herrings in the harbour at present, and that they are making £10 to £16 a boat for every night's fishing. As unemployment and distress are so prevalent they considered that the opportunity to profit by the unusual supply of fish should not be wasted.

The Free State Ministry of Fisheries was willing to concede the extension for the whole month of January, and on Wednesday they sent Miss Scully, fishery inspector, to Enniscorthy to meet the Slaney Board of Conservators and get their opinion on the application.

The Conservators had no objection to an extension for a fortnight, with a proviso that application could be renewed at the end of that time for an extra week, and from week to week while the reasons for the concession remained the same.

The inspector accordingly granted the concession for a fortnight purely as a temporary measure.

# BICYCLE THIEF.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*STRABANE, Thursday.*

When a young man named Patrick Gamble was charged at Stranorlar District Court to-day by Superintendent Smith, Raphoe, with the larceny of a bicycle, the property of Charles Temple, Ballybofey, value £4 10s., the Superintendent said that, apparently, this man had a mania for stealing bicycles. He had just emerged from prison, and there was a number of previous sentences at divers places against this man.

Justice O'Hanrahan said that this man had become a plague and a pest to the community. He sentenced him to six months' imprisonment. The next time he came before him he would send him forward for trial by the Circuit Court, where he would be liable to penal servitude.

# COSTLY POTEEN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*AUGHNACLOY, Thursday.*

Peter Hackett, farmer, Mullaghtinny, and James Duffy, labourer, Cullamore, were fined £10 each at a Licensing Court at Aughnacloy to-day for having poteen in their possession. A half-glass of the spirits was found in the house of Hackett, who had two previous convictions against him. Duffy, who pleaded guilty, and at whose house three quarts were found concealed, said that the spirits had been left with him for use at a hunt on Boxing Day.

# A Deadlock.

## Derry Dockers' Strike.

### Request to Belfast Workers.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*DERRY, Thursday.*

DERRY dockers' strike continues, the situation remaining unchanged. Mr. Gillespie, Area Secretary for Ireland of the Transport and General Workers' Union, visited Derry to-day in connection with the dispute, and afterwards stated that a complete deadlock had been reached.

Major McConnell, of the Northern Ministry of Labour, also visited the city, and the men's representatives agreed to enter a conference under the chairmanship of Major McConnell to consider the demands of the company, provided the men returned to work on *status quo* basis. This proposal was turned down by Mr. McCarter, the Burns-Laird Line Company's agent, who said that he was prepared to go into conference provided the terms of reference were that the men agree to accept the company's proposals regarding additional weight in each heave.

The men subsequently held a meeting, and refused to agree to the additional weight demand, and as a conference under the circumstances would be futile, Mr. Gillespie returns to Dublin to-morrow.

Major McConnell went back to Belfast to-day.

The Ministry of Labour has decided not to pay benefit to any of the dockers subsequent to last Saturday pending consideration of the test cases by the Court of Referees.

It is believed that a settlement of the strike will not be effected for a considerable time.

In the meantime representations have been made to the dockers in Belfast not to handle goods which would otherwise be handled in Derry if there was no strike.

# Old Waterford Landmark.

## Ballybricken Bull Post.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*WATERFORD, Thursday.*

ONE of the most interesting of the old Waterford landmarks, as well as, up to recently, one of the best preserved, is the old Bull Post on Ballybricken Hill. The post now has a modern use as well as historical tradition. It has been utilised by the Electricity Supply Board as a base for one of their electric standards, and in this way has found its place in the schemes of present-day progress.

The old Bull Post has been down the ages associated with some of the liveliest times in Waterford's civil and political history. From the end of the sixteenth and well into the seventeenth century bull-baiting was the favourite pastime of the middle and lower classes of Waterford City, and received the sanction and full support of the Corporation of the time. In fact the Corporation was then generally known as the "Grand Council of the Bull Ring," the bull ring being the entire square of Ballybricken. The Council of the time appointed a personage who was styled the "Mayor of the Bull Ring," the "mayor" being generally High Constable in charge of the civic forces of the city. This official was charged with the carrying out of the bull baits, which were held each Michaelmas and New Year's Days.

**BULL-BAITING.**

The "sport" of bull-baiting was a cruel one, and a description of it would here be out of place, but a curious custom was invariably connected with it. The new "mayor," in order to ensure his popularity with the proletariat, always made it a personal concern to purchase a new rope for the bull-baits. This he presented with some ceremony to the organisers on the day of the public games. As a matter of fact the Corporation of the day provided any supplemental ropes required out of public funds.

As an instance of this fact there is an entry in the Corporation books of October, 1714, of the following item: "Ordered that a bull-rope be provided at the charge of the city revenue."

The "Mayor of the Bull Ring" was usually a bachelor, and as such was regarded as the unofficial guardian of all the bachelors of the city. When a marriage of one of these bachelors took place the "mayor" claimed the privelege of being the first to kiss the bride. This privelege was as readily granted as it was insisted upon, and it took place in presence of a highly delighted and hilarious mob at the old Bull Post of Ballybricken Green.

# Oliver Plunkett Union.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*LIMERICK, Thursday.*

The Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P., V.F., Bruff, presided at the Oliver Plunkett Union Social re-union at Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, this evening. The Most Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Limerick, was the guest of honour.

The Chairman, proposing the health of "The Pope," said that the visit of the Union to Limerick would be a helpful factor in contributing towards the purposes for which it was formed by a Limerick priest, the late Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome.

DR. KEANE.

An address on the Vocational Education Act was given by the Very Rev. Dr. Wigmore, Fermoy.

The Right Rev. Canon Scannell, D.D., President, St. Finbarr's College, Cork, said that the heads of education in this country were well meaning men, who knew the requirements of the country. There were certain dangers in the Act which could be countered.

The Right Rev. Monsignor J. J. Ryan, Thurles, proposing the toast of "The Bishop," referred to the happy relations that had existed between the Diocese of Limerick and the Arch-Diocese of Cashel. He paid high tribute to Bishop Keane as an eminent ecclesiastic, and to the many services he had rendered to Limerick and Cashel.

Dr. Keane, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to attend that reunion, especially as the founder of the Oliver Plunkett Union was a Limerick man. He would always be glad to hear of its success and progress.

# Ploughing Match.

## Inter-County Contest.

A meeting of ploughing enthusiasts from Wexford, Wicklow, Kildare, Dublin and Kilkenny was held at the Permanent Exhibition of Irish Industries, 3 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to consider the holding of an Inter-County Ploughing Competition. Mr. D. Frame, Cooke Abbey, Bray, presided.

It was unanimously resolved that an Inter-County Ploughing Match, open to teams of three competitors from any county, be held at Athy on February 16th, the winning team to choose the venue in subsequent years, but the competition not to be held two years in succession in the same county.

Mr. D. Frame intimated that he would present a perpetual Challenge Cup for the competition, and those present expressed willingness to enter teams. Six counties have entered and all arrangements for the carrying through of the event falls to the Committee of the home team, Kildare in this case.

# STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS' DANCE.

Group taken at the Stock Exchange Clerks' Association Dance, held in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last night.

# Abduction Case.

## Judge and Defendant.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CLONMEL, Thursday.*

At Clonmel Circuit Criminal Sessions, before Judge Sealy, an adjourned case was mentioned in which a young man, Daniel O'Connell, Corbally, Dungan, pleaded guilty at the October Court to an offence against a girl, Margaret Ryan, Cooleagh, under 16 years of age, and also to abducting her by taking her from the custody of her parents.

Mr. J. G. Skinner, solicitor for the accused man, said that O'Connell had given an undertaking at the October Court to marry the girl.

O'Connell was called, and Mr. Skinner asked him why he did not marry the girl. He replied that he would marry her all right, but the parish priest had put him astray as regards the date of the sitting of the court.

Mr. O'Connor, State Solicitor—The parish priest said that he would marry them at any time.

The Judge (to the defendant)—You were here before me in October, and there was a suggestion you were willing to marry the girl.

O'Connell—She wished to keep it back.

Mr. Skinner—Give him this chance, your Honour, and he will marry the girl.

The Judge (to the defendant)—I will be sitting here again on March 18th, and I will give you one more chance to see if you intend to marry the girl. If you come back here with the same excuse I will have to deal with you in a different way. You had better marry the girl, if her people are willing.

The case was then further adjourned to the Circuit Court in March next.

# Cattle Shipments.

## Port Board's Concern.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*DUNDALK, Thursday.*

FURTHER complaints that Dundalk Port was not being fairly treated as a shipping centre for England were made at the meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday, when a letter was read from Mr. David Barry, general manager of the Dundalk and Newry Steampacket Company, in reply to complaints made at a previous meeting.

"We are at one with your Board in being dissatisfied with the present livestock shipments," wrote Mr. Barry, "as, notwithstanding every effort on our part, the steamer operating the trade during the current year has never had a full cargo, and consequently the service has been anything but economic. We have, times without number, informed you that we are quite prepared to arrange whatever sailings are necessary, and we can assure you that no stone has been left unturned to secure the maximum stock with the result set out above."

Mr. Barry added that if a Monday sailing was preferable to one on Tuesday, the company would agree to the change.

**"NOT A BOX OF FOWL."**

The Chairman (Mr. Twibill) said that the letter was very nice, but it was a very strange fact that while 2,000 to 3,000 cattle could be shipped by Greenore every week, the number sent from Dundalk was often only 150. He also was well aware that during the Christmas rush not a box of fowl was shipped direct from Dundalk, while in previous years hundreds of tons had been sent in this way. If the company actually was catering for the cattle trade, it was funny that this trade was passing the port, and going to Greenore and other ports.

Mr. Glendon said that complaints were made that cattle from Navan could not be railed to Dundalk in time for a mid-day boat, and they had to be sent to Dublin. The fact was that Mr. Barry's company got the shipment all right, but they should have gone *via* Dundalk.

**DEMAND FOR SHIPMENTS.**

Mr. Barry must be aware that during the past weeks there had been times when the Greenore steamers were not able to cope with the demand for shipments of cattle to be shipped on Mondays, and the remainder had to be sent from Dundalk on Tuesdays. That did not speak very well for Mr. Barry's efforts to secure the trade for the port of Dudalk.

The Board decided to have a meeting with the cattle shippers, and to ascertain their views as to improvements needed in the service.

# TOURIST TRAFFIC.

The monthly meeting of the Council of Management of the Ulster Tourist Development Association, Ltd., was held at the registered offices, 6 Royal avenue, Belfast, yesterday. Mr. Robert Baillie, Chairman, presided.

The question of the erection of electric standards throughout the province was reviewed, and the hope was expressed that in all undertakings the greatest care should be exercised in the placing of these standards.

The question of the production of a film of Ulster scenery was again discussed, and data were placed before the Council. The matter was favourably received, and it is hoped that some time in the future it would be found possible to undertake this form of publicity.

Correspondence was read regarding the proposed resumption of the Greenore-Holyhead service, and it was reported that the Association was in communication with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company on the matter.

# EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CLONMEL, Thursday.*

A case adjourned from October Circuit Court was mentioned at Clonmel to-day before Judge Sealy, in which a middle-aged women, Mrs. Catherine Dunne, was charged with "that at the Commons, Thurles, she being then a clerk or servant of the Ministry for Posts and Telegraphs, embezzled a sum of £83 2s. 10d., the property of the Minister." It was stated that the accused woman had been post-mistress at the Commons when the offence occurred. It was also stated that £45 had been paid in by her, and another £16 would be paid later. The case was adjourned to the June sitting.

At Tipperary fat pig market yesterday quotations were 53s. per cwt., live-weight, an increase of 1s. per cwt. on last week. There was a small supply and a brisk demand.

# West Waterford Hunt Ball.

## Big Gathering at Lismore Castle.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*LISMORE, Thursday.*

THE annual ball under the auspices of the West Waterford Hunt was held in the ballroom of Lismore Castle last night. There was a large gathering present, including the leading members of the East and West Waterford Hunts, the United Hunts, Duhallows, Tipperary Hounds, Limerick Hunt, South Union and Muskerry Hunts.

The ballroom was beautifully decorated with hunting trophies and hunt colours. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the Hon. Claud Anson, Ballyin, Lismore, assisted by Mr. M. Fitzgerald, Ardmore, and Mr. T. C. Williams, solicitor, Dungarvan, hon. sec. of the West Waterford Hunt. The music was supplied by Miss Billy Weiner's band, Dublin, while the catering arrangements were carried out by Mrs. Lawlor, Naas.

Among those present were:—Lady Eleanor Keane and the Misses Keane, Mrs. R. H. Keane, the Misses Keane and Mr. R. Keane, the Countess of Donoughmore and party, General and the Misses Perceval, the Marquess and Marchioness of Waterford, Lady Susan Dawney and Messrs. Dawney and party, Miss Leslie, Mrs. Chearnley, Miss Chearnley and party, Mr. I. and Mrs. Villiers-Stuart, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. F. Richardson, Lady Cynthia Tothill, Captain Atkinson, Mr. R. Holroyd Smyth, General and Mrs. Brady, Mr. E. C. and Mrs. Penrose and party, Mr. H. Villiers-Stuart, Mr. T. Hallanan, Lady Dobbs, Mrs. Percy Smyth, Mr. Gerald Villiers-Stuart, Mr. David Hall, Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. B. Nicholson, the Rev. E. H. Dorman, Mr. Cleeve and party, Miss Anson, Lady Patricia Miller, the Misses Lindsay, Captain and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. T. C. Williams, solicitor; Mr. Holroyd Smyth, Mr. Moore and party, Mr. McCarthy Murrough and party, Mr. Edmond Harrington and party, Mr. Sterne and Miss Cleeve, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Martin and party, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer and party.

MARQUESS OF WATERFORD.

# Prison for Fraud.

## Drink Cause of Downfall.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

James McClurg, of Dufferin avenue, Bangor, who had pleaded guilty to having embezzled the sum of £356, the property of Messrs. Pratt and Montgomery, Ltd., was put forward for sentence at the Belfast Recorder's Court to-day.

Mr. Fox (instructed by Mr. J. Morrow) said that the accused man had been in the employment of the firm for fifteen or sixteen years. Drink was substantially the cause of his downfall. The amount involved was £356, but against that there was a sum of £107 due to the accused for commission, leaving a balance of £249. The accused had now got a job as Ulster representative of a reputable firm, and was prepared to make full restitution. Mr. Morrow had a sum of £200 in court, and the balance would be forthcoming on Friday.

The Recorder said that he had considered most carefully all that had been said on behalf of the accused man by Mr. Fox, and nothing more could be said. Counsel had urged him to treat the case as one for restitution, and to allow the defendant out. He (the Recorder) was sorry to say that he had come to the conclusion that he should not do that. He had formed the opinion that there was a course of embezzlement entered into after a previous course of embezzlement had been overlooked, and it had not the excuse of want or anything of that kind. He did not think it would be right to allow the accused man to go without punishment, and he must, therefore, impose a sentence of twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

# RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*WICKLOW, Thursday.*

At Wicklow yesterday, Guiseppe Vella, of Dublin, driver of a motor lorry, was returned for trial on bail, charged in connection with the death of Thomas Kavanagh (47), farmer, of Ballinameeda. While walking along the footpath at Barndarrig, Wicklow, on December 17th last driving a cow to Avoca fair Kavanagh was struck by the lorry and killed.

# FUNERAL OF MR. T. J. LISTON.

The remains of the late Mr. Terence J. Liston, manager of the Tipperary branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, were interred at Castlemahon, Newcastlewest, yesterday. The funeral procession, which started from St. Michael's Church after Requiem High Mass, was very large, and was representative of banking circles in many parts of Tipperary and Limerick.

# CYCLIST KILLED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*GOREY, Thursday.*

Thomas Connell (25), a farmer's son, of Kilanerin, Gorey, was cycling down a steep hill near his home, when the machine skidded on the frosty road, and he was thrown to the ground. His body was found later on the roadside. At the inquest Dr. Lawlor, Bunclody, returned a verdict "that Connell was accidentally thrown from his bicycle, was stunned and suffocated in the water table."

EAT BERMALINE BREAD AND SMILE.—(Advt.)

# Linen Trade Dispute.

## Weavers Now Involved.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Monday.*

YESTERDAY a conference was held into the application of the Flax Spinners' Association for a reduction of twenty per cent. in the wages of the operatives in the spinning section of the linen industry, and it was decided to appoint a conciliator to preside at an adjourned conference on Monday next.

An application now has been made for a similar reduction in the wages of weavers and winders and other workers, to take effect from February 16th next. A conference is being arranged on the same lines as that held in connection with the spinners' wages, and probably a similar arrangement will be reached.

# Inviting Prices.

## But Orders on Small Scale.

The official report of the Belfast linen trade, issued this afternoon, states:—"The new year opens with business very quiet and orders scarce. On the whole, stocks in U.S.A., home and foreign markets are small, and might well be replenished. Prices for the whole range of linen goods are now most inviting, and, with a renewal of confidence, business should soon get started. White damasks have again come into favour, but there is an opening for new ideas, both in colour and style of manufacture. In cambrics and sheers there are rumours of some large orders having been placed already.

**DRESS LINENS.**

"Since the last report there has been a more active demand for dress linens from various markets, and the lower range of prices should make these goods attractive to buyers who appreciate good value. In the new Bleachers list, just issued, there is practically no change in cost of bleaching white dress linens, and, while dyeing charges were revised some time ago, any further concessions, especially on vat dyes, would be of assistance to meet foreign competition.

"Although Christmas holidays, as usual, retarded business in the spinning section to a certain extent, they served to emphasise the paucity of stocks in the hands of both merchants and manufacturers. Bulk purchases by individual firms for delivery over an extended period are again recorded. Yarn values are now at bedrock, and producers have refused business put forward at cut prices.

**SLACKNESS IN ORDERS.**

"The usual slackness in orders which follows Christmas and the stocktaking at the end of the year is now being experienced by the weaving section of the industry, and thus there is nothing of an interesting nature to report as regards the probable needs of our customers. With reference to delivery, it is satisfactory that most manufacturers are being pushed for goods on order, indicating that the shelves of the linen trade's customers are very bare.

"The supplies of Irish flax are still very much below the average, as growers are still hoping that prices will improve. All the flax offered for sale has been bought up at unchanged prices. In Courtrai flax there is no change to report. It is rumoured that some scutchers are stopping work this week owing to the unremunerative prices, and, consequently, supplies will be probably still further reduced.

**THE SOVIETS.**

"The Soviets sold a further 23,000 tons last week, and they are still open to negotiate a similar quantity. So far the bulk of flax and line arriving at Riga has been in the lower sorts. Very little of the new crop has yet reached Belfast spinners, but a quantity is expected in the next steamer."

# Brothers in Trouble.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*CLONMEL, Thursday.*

In the Clonmel Circuit Court, in an adjourned case against Richard McLoughlin and John McLoughlin, brothers, Spittal street, Tipperary, who had pleaded guilty at the October Court to stealing £50, the property of William Delaney, Spittal street, Tipperary, for whom they worked, it was stated that the accused, John McLoughlin, was under 16 years of age, and that the two defendants alleged that they took only £26. It also was stated that the elder boy had arranged to work, and pay back £30.

Judge Sealy said that he would postpone sentence for a year to see how the arrangement would be carried out.

# Relief Schemes.

## Villages to Benefit.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*DUNDALK, Thursday.*

Public improvement schemes, which are destined to relieve unemployment among the fishermen in the fishing villages of County Louth and to benefit the villages concerned, have been adopted by the Louth Board of Health, and sanction from the Free State Local Government Department has been asked. The Health Board, believing that the schemes are such as come within the provisions of the grants for the relief of unemployment, has asked the assistance of the Government in carrying out the works.

The first work is the improvement of the water supply to the seaside and fishing village of Annagassan, where thirty-seven men are unemployed. The scheme, which provides for the erection of a reservoir and pumping plant at Lisnaran, is estimated to cost £2,740. Two-thirds of the expenditure will be on labour and the remainder on materials.

The second scheme, which has been approved, is the provision of a water supply for the seaside resort of Blackrock, three miles from Dundalk, which hitherto was badly off for want of an efficient water supply. This need was given as one of the things responsible for the failure of the resort to improve its popularity of recent years. The Board of Health engineer has reported that springs have been traced to the High Field near the village. The estimated cost of this scheme is £5,500, and a grant will also be sought for this work.

Smaller schemes for water supplies for Clogherhead and Baltray also were approved.

# THE LADY HARTY CUP.

Miss Griffith presenting the Lady Harty Cup to Miss B. Chance after her team had won the lacrosse competition at Leinster C.C. grounds, Rathmines, yesterday.

# Family Gassed.

## Narrow Escape.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

Mr. W. J. Fyffe, the caretaker of Messrs. Sawers, Ltd., Belfast, his wife and son had had a narrow escape from fatal gas poisoning this morning. When employés of the firm arrived they were unable to gain admission to the premises, and the door was forced open. There was a strong smell of gas, escaping from the kitchen gas bracket on the top storey, and Mr. and Mrs. Fyffe, his wife and son, aged 30, were found unconscious from gas fumes. They were taken to hospital, and Mr. Fyffe senior quickly recovered. Mrs. Fyffe and her son were somewhat worse, but this evening were reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

Dr. J. A. Musgrave, County Medical Officer of Health for Louth, attended Wednesday night's meeting of the Drogheda Corporation, and recommended the Council to start a campaign of immunisation in order to check diphtheria, which has been prevalent in the town for some months.

# Burglar Sentenced.

## Penal Servitude.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*BELFAST, Thursday.*

James Woods, of no fixed address, was sentenced by the Belfast Recorder to-day to five years' imprisonment for six burglaries in County Antrim, to which he had pleaded guilty. It was stated that the accused man was sentenced to death on the battlefield during the Great War, but was reprieved.

"I have read your statement," said the Recorder. "It is a very long and terrible record. The penalty in your case must be a severe one, and I sentence you to five years' penal servitude."

The accused man clicked his heels and turned round smartly in the dock before being taken away.

The Recorder commended Sergeant Ryan for the manner in which he traced and arrested the accused man.

The British Legion and United Services Fund Benevolent Committee for Baltinglass District Poppy Day appeal realised £153 7s.

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# Government Grants.

## Wexford's Protest.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
*WEXFORD, Thursday.*

A conference was held at Wexford to-day between the County Council and the T.D.'s for the county to discuss the position of agriculture and the steps to be taken to improve it. Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council, presided. The deputies present were Mr. Osmond Grattan Esmonde, Dr. J. Ryan, Alderman R. Corish, and Mr. D. Allen. The proceedings were private. At the close the Press was supplied with the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

MR. O. GRATTAN ESMONDE.

"That the with-holding of Government grants on the ground of non-payment of land annuities is grossly unjust to the ratepayers in general, who are meeting their liabilities. Moreover, it is unreasonable to expect county councils to be responsible for money for the collection of which they have no concern.

"That steps be taken to have the existing law in this respect changed.

"That the provision and maintenance of motor roads be entirely from motor taxation.

"That the Government should take immediate steps to secure the legal rights to safeguard the national fishing rights on our coasts. At the present a single patrol boat is inadequate."

The conference also passed a resolution calling on Dr. Ryan, Messrs. Allen, Esmonde and Jordan to assist Alderman Corish in his efforts for the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works.

# THE MAYO LIBRARY APPOINTMENT.

## NEW LIBRARIAN TO START NEXT WEEK.

Miss Letitia Elizabeth Dunbar-Harrison, the recently appointed Librarian for County Mayo, intends to take up her new duties next week.

Born in Dublin in 1906, Miss Dunbar-Harrison is the niece and adopted daughter of the late Mr. John Harrison, and of Mrs. Harrison, of 72 Palmerston road, Dublin. She was educated at Alexandra School, Dublin, where she obtained honours in the Junior Grade, Intermediate, and won the Jeannie Turpin Essay Prize and the Helen Prenter Prize in English Literature. She remained at Alexandra School from 1918 until 1922, when she went to Alexandra College, and there secured the Lady Ardilaun Entrance Scholarship in French. Having passed the Middle and Senior Grade, Intermediate, she entered Trinity College in 1924, and obtained honours at term examinations in French and Spanish. In 1928 she graduated with Moderatorship in Modern Literature, French and Spanish, and since graduation she took a course of library training at the Dublin County Library and Rathmines Public Library, and attended a summer course of library training at University College.

Miss Dunbar-Harrison, after she left Trinity College, had six months' training at the County Dublin Library Headquarters at Kilmainham, and a further nine months' training in Rathmines Public Library, where she took charge of the Children's Library, and gave lectures to the children. She was also in the Reference Library in Rathmines. When she graduated she began the study of the Irish language and Irish literature, under a competent Irish speaker.

**STUDY OF IRISH.**

To an *Irish Times* representative Miss Dunbar-Harrison stated yesterday that she is continuing her study of Irish. She was anxious to have the good-will and co-operation of the people of Mayo in her new position, and always would have the best interests of Mayo at heart. She would do her best to make a success of her new position, and hoped that all unpleasantness caused by her appointment soon would be forgotten.


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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

WARNING TO EMPLOYERS AND INSURED PERSONS.

The attention of Employers and Insured Persons in Saorstat Eireann is directed to the necessity for having the stamping of the National Health Insurance contribution cards for the second half of 1930 immediately completed, if this has not been already done.

As failure to stamp or surrender cards within the prescribed time, in addition to being an offence punishable on summary prosecution, may deprive insured persons of their rights to sickness, disablement and maternity benefits, the Commission hereby give NOTICE that they will prosecute persons who fail to comply with the law.

Insured persons are required to return their stamped cards to their Societies before the 18th January.

JOHN HOULIHAN, Secretary,
National Health Insurance Commission,
January, 1931.
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COIMISIUN NA STAT-SHEIRBHISE.
POSITION VACANT—DISTRICT COURT CLERK.

The Civil Service Commissioners invite applications for the temporary, non-pensionable position of Clerk to the District Court at Muineheag (including the Muineheag and Borris Areas, Co. Carlow, and Goresbridge Area, Co. Kilkenny), salary, £225 per annum, inclusive, which will include travelling expenses. Age limits 21 to 55 years on 1st January, 1931. Candidates declared qualified as a result of the qualifying examination to be held by the Civil Service Commissioners will be interviewed by a Selection Board set up by the Commissioners, upon whose recommendation the appointment will be made by the Minister for Justice. Application Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, C. S. Latest date for receipt of completed Application Forms, 32nd January, 1931.
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NOTICE.

Mr. W. M. Maher, Auctioneer, of Roscrea, has been instructed by the Irish Land Commission to Sell by Public Auction at the Courthouse, Roscrea, on Wednesday, the 21st January, 1931, at one o'clock that part of the Lands of Drumakeenan, containing 5 acres 3 roods 24 perches, or thereabouts, and part of the Lands of Glasderry Beg, containing 95 acres 2 roods 16 perches, or thereabouts, both Statute Measure, situate in the Barony of Clonlisk and County of Offaly, now or formerly in the occupation of John Ryan, held under a Judicial Tenancy subject to the annual rent of £48 12s. 0d. in respect of which the annual sum of £36 9s. 0d. is payable to the Irish Land Commission as payment in lieu of rent by two equal half-yearly payments of £18 4s. 6d. until the appointed day.

The tenancy interest in the said lands will be sold subject as more particularly mentioned in the Conditions of Sale and to the Statutory rights and liabilities of the tenant in respect thereof the interests of any sub-tenants thereon an annual charge of £3 18s. 0d. payable to the Board of Public Works by half-yearly instalments in April and October and expiring in the year 1936 and to any charge under the Shannon Electricity Act, 1926, and to any permanent improvement charge within the meaning of the Agricultural Credit Acts, 1927 to 1929, which may effect the same but discharged from all other claims or incumbrances of all persons whomsoever on such interest.

In the event of the Sale by Public Auction proving unsuccessful, the Irish Land Commission will sell the lands by Private Treaty.

For Conditions of Sale apply to the Auctioneer: or to

W. J. O'REILLY, Solicitor to the Irish Land Commission, 21 Upper Merrion street, Dublin.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF KILLINEY AND BALLYBRACK, CO. DUBLIN.
NOTICE PUBLISHING TIME AND PLACE OF AUDIT.

Notice is hereby given that the Audit of the Accounts of the above-named Public Body for the financial period ended the 15th day of October, 1930, will be opened in the District Office, Killiney, by J. A. Healy, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on the 16th day of January, 1931, at the hour of 3.30 o'clock, when and where objections to any matter contained in the said several accounts will be heard.

The Accounts will be open during office hours for seven days before the audit to the inspection of all persons interested.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1931.

ROBT. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk to the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
OPHTHALMOLOGIST WANTED.

Applications are invited for the position of temporary part-time Ophthalmologist, under the Schools Medical Service Scheme, in County Wicklow.

Candidates must possess a Degree in Ophthalmology, or must have had six months experience as Surgeon, or have had six months post-graduate course in a recognised eye hospital. Remuneration, £2 10/- per session of three hours. The person appointed will be required to supply all appliances necessary and to carry out his duties at such centres in the county as may be decided on.

Applications should be lodged with me by Twelve o'clock noon on Monday, 26th January, 1931, and will be submitted to the meeting of the Board on that day.

By Order, P. W. SHEEHAN, Secretary.
Board of Health Offices, Rathdrum,
January 8th, 1931.

WORLD'S EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.
UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER.
TO-DAY (FRIDAY), JANUARY 9th,
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING, LOWER ABBEY STREET.
At 4 p.m.
Chairman—Mr. J. MARSHALL BUTLER.
Address by Rev. J. H. BLANDFORD, M.A.
MEN'S CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE, KINGSTOWN.
At 8 p.m.
Chairman—Rev. R. NORTHRIDGE M.A.
Address by Rev. J. A. L. IRVINE.


The Irish Times.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1931.


## NEWS SUMMARY

### IRELAND.

The strike of Derry dockers continues.—(Page 5.)

An inter-county ploughing match will be held in Athy on February 16th.—(Page 5.)

The annual ball of the West Waterford Hunt was held in the ballroom of Lismore Castle.—(Page 5.)

Owing to an exceptional run of herrings in Wexford Harbour the season has been extended.—(Page 5.)

Tickets for a great sweepstake on the Derby in aid of Free State hospitals will be issued in the first week of February. Thirty-four hospitals throughout the country are participating.—(Page 11.)

The Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board stated yesterday that 1930 had been a "record" year for tonnage and industrial developments at the port.—(Page 11.)

The four months old daughter of Mr. Rowland Byers, the Irish Rugby international, has been elected Governor of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.—(Page 5.)

The final conference between the Dublin master builders and the building trades' unions on the question of a new working agreement broke down on Wednesday, and unless a settlement is reached in the meantime three thousand building workers in the city will be idle from to-morrow.—(Page 7.)

It was suggested by a deputation that waited on the Ministers for Lands and Fisheries and Industry and Commerce in Dublin yesterday that the electricity works at Ardnacrusha were an injury to salmon spawning beds in the Shannon.—(Page 7.)

It was stated at the tenth annual Congress of Cow-Testing Associations in Limerick yesterday that Ireland is now definitely leading the world in the improvement of live-stock.—(Page 13.)

Following the application of the Flax Spinners' Association for a reduction in the wages of operatives in the spinning section of the Belfast linen industry, an application now has been made for a similar reduction in the wages of weavers, winders and other workers.—(Page 5.)

### GREAT BRITAIN.

At yesterday's meeting of the Federal Structure Committee of the Round Table Conference in London Lord Sankey announced that the Prime Minister would make a declaration of the Government's policy at a plenary meeting of the Conference next week.—(Page )

The South Wales miners have approved proposals for submission to the owners at Cardiff to-day. The coal-owners of Great Britain in their reply to Mr. Macdonald's speech at Seaham Harbour, deny the charge that they are not law-abiding, and state that their objection to the Industrial Board is moved by a determination that the events of 1926 shall not be repeated.—(Page 7.)

### ABROAD.

At Bordeaux yesterday the trial commenced of the French international Rugby player, Fernand Taillanton, who is charged with the manslaughter of another player during a match in May last.—(Page 7.)

A Papal Encyclical on marriage, which was issued yesterday, strongly condemns divorce and birth control.—(Page 7.)

### SPORTING.

At Tenby yesterday Georginatown won the Town Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 10.)

### FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were irregular, with strength in some South American Rails and Mines.—(Page 12.)

In Lombard street the general rate for loans over the night was 1½ per cent. Discount rates were firm in tendency. Silver was sold at another new low record. At the Bank £306,072 was sold in bar gold to France and £6,000 in sovereigns exported.—(Page 12.)

In Dublin the market was idle. Funds were firm. Courtaulds fell sharply.—(Page 12.)

After an irregular opening New York Stock Exchange prices sagged, but rallied in final dealings. The close was firm. Utilities and Sugars were strong.—(Page 8.)

## Gold and Credit.

The Canadian bankers' demand for international co-operation, with especial reference to the use of hoarded gold, raises again one of the most pertinent questions of the hour. Mr. E. C. Neill, Vice-President of the Royal Bank of Canada, declared at the annual meeting that the present policy of deflation was more damaging than the previous boom, and rightly attributed the world's fiscal plight to the fall in stocks and commodity prices. With less reason he went on to say that "this fall could not be explained as due to over-production, since the average of all prices had declined." Here we may join issue with him on his interpretation of "over-production," which, in fact, connotes merely an excess of produce over demand. Over-production, therefore, being relative, can be cured in either of two diametrically opposite ways. On the one hand, supply may be diminished; on the other, demand, or purchasing power, may be increased. Mr. Neill, however, concerns himself only with the latter. Yet since, if both remedies are employed simultaneously, the cure will be quicker, it does not behove us to quarrel with his quite accurate, though partial, diagnosis. "The fall," he said, "could be explained only by an under-supply of money in which prices were expressed." If we exclude the word "only," no fault may be found with Mr. Neill's position.

Basing his outlook on the sound postulate of an under-supply of money, Mr. Neill contended that if, when the value of stocks began to fall, "the principal central banks had decided that drastic contraction of money and credit was not to be permitted, a drastic fall in the price level would not have occurred." No doubt, the big banks might have bolstered the tottering markets by such action, but, since the money that they called in represented speculative, rather than industrial, enterprise, they merely would have stemmed Niagara, and the ultimate crash would have been even more calamitous. It is the duty of banks in the present state of the world's fiscal poise to lend, and to lend generously, to legitimate enterprise. It is not their function, however, to encourage gambling, which, if successful, causes dislocation to honest trade through soaring prices, and in failure lessens credit in exact measure as it causes the general public to become despondent. Mr. Neill was on safer ground when he advocated a financial *liaison* between the countries who had money to invest and those who needed it to develop their resources. Here he touched the root of the whole difficulty—a difficulty that became inevitable when first finance began to regard itself as a thing apart from industry. Under the present regimen of our commercial civilisation this difficulty is tending to increase.

Sir Herbert Holt, the President of the Bank, followed Mr. Neill, and said that the concentration of gold in the United States and France had given these countries the control of world prices. The statement is sufficiently true to warrant the remark that neither France nor the United States has made use of this power to further her own real interests. Like the bridge player who, according to legend, is doomed to drive droshkys on the Nevski Prospekt, they have failed to lead their trumps—in this case their gold—and now are reaping the reward of their hesitation. While the majority of the nations own the gold standard, the unequal distribution of the metal must mean that credit, too, is distributed unequally, with the result that, while the holders can produce, those who lack it cannot afford to buy. Sir Herbert summarised this aspect of the situation with some accuracy, and Mr. Neill's alternative proposal to the suggested international co-operation—namely, that a British syndicate with large capital, and enjoying the confidence of financiers in New York and Paris, shall be formed to borrow and re-lend at reasonable rates—is worthy of careful thought. Since gold is not wealth, but under the present *régime* merely the acknowledged basis of credit, its international redistribution ought not to appear horrifying to the instructed. Indeed, an arrangement that readjusted the balance might cause less dislocation to the world's trade than some of the more revolutionary changes of the modern credit system that are being adumbrated to-day.

## Ulster Linen.

It is partly symptomatic of the unnatural estrangement between the two Irish States that the echoes of a great industrial conflict in Belfast have rung but faintly in the ears of Free State citizens. The Northern linen trade is approaching a crisis. For many years it has been in a decline—the result, partly, of overproduction during the War, partly of a multiplicity of producers and, to a very great extent, of new and powerful competition abroad. Firm after firm has closed its doors, adding hundreds to the ranks of the unemployed. At present, while the cost of flax is less than it was during the industry's bright days before the War, the surviving firms must struggle to exist at all. Deferring to the inevitable, the Flax-spinners' Association propose to reduce the wages of spinning operatives by twenty *per cent.* from the 2nd February. Their contention is precisely the same as that of the coal-owners in Great Britain. The industry, they say, is passing through the worst period of its history; if working costs cannot be lowered, still more mills must go the way of their predecessors. No field is left for economy, save in wages, if anything more than a ghost of the industry is to survive. The owners have faced the issues fairly. They admit that a reduction of wages will not ensure any more work, and show clearly that their proposed action is a counsel of despair. The men's representatives, at a conference held on Wednesday, spoke with equal candour. They urged that wages in the linen industry, if the twenty *per cent.* cut were made, would be lower than those in any other industry, and that already they had been reduced to the lowest point at which workers could be expected to exist. Gleams arise from the darkness of dispute which seem to indicate that the parties will decide the issues in a fair and reasonable spirit. They have agreed to summon a "conciliator"—if such a person, acceptable to both sides, can be found—to preside over their next meeting. Somewhat similar tactics, as it seems, will be followed in regard to an application in the wages of weavers and winders. We trust sincerely that these efforts at arbitration will be successful. Cruel distress prevails already in Belfast. A strike of linen operatives would involve thousands of men and might deal the linen industry a death-blow. There is small prospect that the industry ever again will regain its old pre-eminence, but Belfast retains a grip—although a weakening grip—upon the world's linen markets. A stoppage over the shortest period might deprive her of that hold.

## Protestants in Italy.

The Pope's complaint against Protestant propaganda in Italy is discussed by the Rome Correspondent of *The Times*. According to the census of 1911—the census of 1921 did not embrace religion—the population of Italy included 123,253 "Evangelicals"; and it is estimated that to-day the number is not far short of 200,000. The oldest and most numerous denomination is the Waldensian Church from Piedmont, which has 150 parishes and stations throughout the peninsula. "It is difficult," says the Correspondent, "to regard the presence of some 200,000 Protestants among a population of 43,000,000 as a serious menace to the national religion"; but the new movement towards Protestant reunion may be a factor in the Pope's complaint. The Protestants of Italy include Anglicans, Lutherans, Calvinists, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists, who begin to recognise that such dispersion of effort is a serious handicap. Concentration has been advocated locally, and was urged at the congresses of Stockholm (1925) and of Lausanne (1927). The Pope naturally dislikes Protestant activities at the centre of the Roman Catholic faith, but when His Holiness says that such activities are an infringement of the Lateran Treaty and Concordat of 1929 the terms of those instruments discredit the charge. They decree that "the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman religion is the sole religion of the State," that the person of the Supreme Pontiff must be immune from insult, and that the sacred character of the Eternal City must be preserved. By the law of 1929, however, the Protestant Churches, which the Constitution of 1848 merely had "tolerated," became "admitted" cults—a highly significant change; and the same law gave valid effect to Protestant marriages and declared that "discussion in religious matters is absolutely free." Italian Protestants maintain that, under this charter, they have full right of propaganda, and that their teaching, conducted in a seemly manner, cannot be construed as *ipso facto* "offensive" or "insulting" to the Pope. The Rome Correspondent of *The Times* concludes: "So long as Signor Mussolini remains Prime Minister the non-Catholics can rest assured of impartial treatment."

## The Port of Dublin.

The facts quoted by Mr. Charles McGloughlin at yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board may not surprise, but certainly will gratify, all citizens of Dublin. They indicate that the port has recovered its former significance as a channel of trade. During 1930 the quantity of shipping that entered the Liffey amounted to 2,456,704 tons. This tonnage represents an increase of 116,070 over the figures for the previous year, and constitutes a "record" for the port. High praise is due to the activity of the Board, which has devoted itself with unfailing energy to the port's improvement and to the extending of accommodation and facilities. A new deep-water quay at the north side of Alexandra Wharf is almost complete, and the north quays have been re-surfaced. Every year, as we learn, additional electrical cranes, with extended trackways, supplement the port's stock, and at present four new four-ton cranes are on order. In regard to the channel itself, the work of maintenance proceeds. The bed is now subject to continuous survey—an innovation designed, in Mr. McGloughlin's words, "to get the best value out of dredging," and to detect silting more readily. Furthermore, there have been large industrial developments. To cope with the increased clearances of tobacco, the duty on which now amounts to more than £2,250,000 annually, the Board has built modern storage; and a number of industrial concerns have opened bases in connection with the port. Dublin harbour and the Liffey now play a large part in the welfare of Dublin and of the Free State. Their resources will be extended to the uttermost next year, when they must receive shiploads of visitors to the Eucharistic Congress. We are glad to learn that every effort will be made by the Port and Docks Board to meet the difficulty.

## LORD CARSON'S ILLNESS.

Lord Carson, who has been indisposed for some time, was last night stated to be much better.

## COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Queen is lending two specimens of seventeenth century embroidery to the exhibition that Lady Elphinstone is organising for next month in London. A collection of rare Scottish needlework will be the chief attraction, and many well-known Scottish families are lending treasures which have not previously been exhibited.

The Queen of Italy celebrated her birthday yesterday, and received congratulations from many relatives and friends.

The Duke of York will attend the conference of the National Safety Week Council at the Guildhall next month, when the Lord Mayor of London will preside.

Owing to the Court mourning the Government's reception in connection with the International Exhibition of Persian Art, which was to have been held yesterday at Burlington House, was cancelled. The luncheon party which Colonel H. A. J. Gidney and the Anglo-Indian Domiciled European Community of India were to have given next Tuesday has been postponed.

Lady Louis Mountbatten will leave England shortly for a cruise to the West Indies, and will not return till the late spring. Lady Chamberlain and her elder son, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, have left Southampton in the Aquitania for New York. The Hon. Thomas and Mrs. Cochrane left London yesterday for Toulon, to join the s.s. Orontes for a trip to Egypt.

Lord Carew, Lord and Lady Vivian, Lady Poole, Sir Charles and Lady Hanson and General Boileau were among the hosts who brought parties to the Cornwall County ball at Truro. Many hunt balls have been held in the English counties this week, including the Eridge Hunt ball, for which the Marquess and Marchioness Camden, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny and Major the Hon. John Astor and Lady Violet Astor entertained large house parties.

Lady Edith Power O'Shee has returned to Ireland from London. The Hon. Georgina O'Brien, who has been paying visits in Ireland, has returned to London. Lady Augusta Fane will not leave Mentone for London till the end of February, Sir Rennell and Lady Rodd will return to London from Italy next week.

Dr. P. J. Roddy has returned to 10 Fitzwilliam square.


At Switzers Sale. Charming Silk and Wool Cardigan Suits, in all leading shades, are being cleared at the specially reduced price of 45s. each. This offer is attracting widespread attention and is only typical of the many tempting bargains that are to be had in the Costume Gallery during the Sale.

At Holmes' Sale. Exceptional value in Ladies' Full Chrome Leather Coats. Warm fleece lined, from 89s. 6d.—W. Holmes and Co., 69/71 South Great George's street.

P. M. Wilson, Ladies' Tailor, 85 Grafton street—Sale of Models, less than cost.

C. Cooper (late Forrest and Sons). Suits made to order from 5 guineas, in Irish Tweed, during Sale. Ready-made Coats clearing at cost.

At Slyne's Sale. We are making suits to order from 5½ gns. during Sale.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Girls' well-tailored tweed coats, for ages 10 to 16 years, selling at 29s. 11d. at Slyne's Sale, 71 Grafton street.


PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—R. M. Butler, Miss Butler, Surgeon-D. Donovan, T. J. Eppel, Miss Isobel Tyndall, son, A. F. Nolan, Captain R. B. Donovan, Master D. Donovan, T. J. Eppel, Miss Isobel Tyndall, Bernard Cowan, J. Curtis, A. A. Burns, G. P. Keane, Lawrence Tickener, B. R. Birchall, Desmond McAteer, D. F. J. Hoare, Mrs. Donald Hoare, Miss Pansey Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. Eppel, Ernest Lee, Mrs. A. Murphy, Miss Margaret E. Murphy, Miss Lough, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lambert, Miss Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Connor, Miss Davis, Honoreo Leonor, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Miss R. Carthy, Mr. and Mrs. Summers, Francis Kelly.

Departures:—Dr. Charles Huss, Miss Vera Hume Robertson, Miss Rhona Hume Robertson, S. P. Birkhahn, Miss Phyllis McCaffery, Miss S. A. Murphy, F. H. Cahill, Major and Mrs. Colville, Commander and Mrs. Cecil Palmer, W. F. Tell, R. M. Lynch, M. J. Lynch, M. H. O'Grady, Mrs Goldman, W. Giles, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Murphy, Captain J. J. Beausang, Captain F. Elliott, T. Mitchell, Miss Mona Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. A. Bowman, the Rev. D. J. Killingley, A. G. A. Mahon, H. G. Purcell, E. A. Guthrie, E. S. Kelly, E. Starkie, Mrs. Vivian Fielding, Miss Florence Fielding, Hamilton Goulding, Fred Leach, Miss Eleanor Reddy, Miss L. Reddy, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. C. A. Roche, Mrs. and Miss Ryan, Mrs. and Miss Musgrave, the Rev. E. J. Cullen, Miss Mabel Lanoe, Dr. E. A. Atkinson, S. F. Cowan.

PASSENGERS BY THE B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Arrivals:—Mr. St. G. Johnstone, T. Simon, A. W. Hewett, E. Bradbury, Dr. Maughan, T. Dunlop, S. Wynne, G. McParland, S. Mooney, T. Hardman, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Lewis, Miss Watson, Miss Gabbett, T. Keating, Major and Mrs. Harrison, Miss Collins, Miss Fitzgibbon, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Miss Cunnane, J. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Miss Lawrence, Miss Duffield, Mrs. Carruthers, Miss Brennan.

Departures:—Colonel and Mrs. Magan, T. Nichol, K. Young, G. B. Clark, W. D. Houten, H. Petch, D. Talbot, W. A. Griffith, Captain G. R. Warren, Miss M. J. Green, T. Corkson, F. Sheridan, J. Cox, T. Burke, Miss L. McDowell, P. H. Gosfield, W. J. Keshe, J. Doyle, A. B. Harvey, T. Massaquoi, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. D. Weir, Captain and Mrs. Warren, Captain F. Cowell.


Marleen's Sale. Genuine reductions in Tailored Hats and Suits. See windows for special bargains in Hats.—31 South Anne st.

"Our Boys'" Great Winter Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-Class Clothing and Outfitting now on. Genuine bargains. — 24 Wicklow street.

Davis and Co.—Annual Winter Sale now proceeding. High-class goods selling at greatly reduced prices.—45 and 46 Grafton street.

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## WEATHER FORECAST.

*General Inference.—The anti-cyclone over England is decreasing in intensity, but another anti-cyclone is advancing from the Atlantic. A depression to northward of the Shetlands is moving eastward and growing deeper. Weather will be cloudy in the South, with local fog and drizzle, but brighter conditions will spread across Northern districts.*

*North-West Ireland.—Moderate north-west wind, backing later; mainly fair, but local showers; normal temperature.*

*North-East, South-East and South-West Ireland.—Light northerly to variable wind; fair; normal day temperature, followed by night frost locally.*

*Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Moderate to light north or north-west wind; fair; visibility mainly good; sea slight.*


Dixon and Hempenstall. Barometers and Thermometers, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)


DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

| Jan. | Bar. | Thermometer. Temp. 9 a.m. | Max. | Min. | Grass Min. | Wind. | Rain. m.m. | Sun hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 28.438 | 34 | 40 | 34 | 27 | W. | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 3 | 29.443 | 36.7 | 39 | 30 | 25 | W.N.W. | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| 4 | 29.980 | 34.3 | 42 | 34 | 31 | W.N.W. | 0.0 | 3.5 |
| 5 | 30.203 | 32.1 | 38 | 27 | 24 | W. | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 6 | 30.410 | 35.5 | 40 | 28 | 19 | — | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 7 | 30.459 | 36.7 | 37 | 28 | 20 | W.N.W. | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 8 | 30.252 | 38.0 | 43 | 33 | 30 | W. | 1.1 | 1.2 |

| THE SUN. | TO-DAY. | TO-MORROW. |
|---|---|---|
| RISES | 8.38 | 8.38 |
| SETS | 4.26 | 4.27 |
| LIGHTING-UP TIME | 5.25 | 5.27 |

## TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Galway Hunt Ball—Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

Dublin Literary Society—Lincoln Chambers, 7.45.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella."
Olympia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood."
Abbey Theatre—"The Workhouse Ward" and "The Critic."
Gate Theatre—"Christmas Pie."
Metropole Cinema—"Wild Company" and "Wings of Song."
Grafton Cinema—"Half Shot at Sunrise."
Theatre Royal—"King of Jazz."
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"French Leave."
Capitol Cinema—"Raffles" and Variety.
Savoy Cinema—"The Silver Horde" and "Present Arms."
Corinthian Cinema—"The Bad Man."

## DEPRESSED TRADE.

## BANKERS AND HOARDED GOLD.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
*MONTREAL, Thursday.*

Close upon the conference between the British and French Treasuries in Paris come suggestions to-day from prominent Canadian bankers for international co-operation, particularly by the use of hoarded gold, in order to end the present world depression.

### AN UNDER SUPPLY OF MONEY.

Mr. E. C. Neill, the Vice-President of the Royal Bank of Canada, speaking at the annual meeting, suggested that deflation was being carried to even greater excesses than the recent boom. Due mainly to a faulty monetary policy, there was now an unprecedented fall in stocks and commodity prices. This fall could not be explained as due to over-production, since the average of all prices had declined. It could only be explained by an under-supply of money in which prices were expressed.

If on the collapse of the Stock Market boom the principal central banks had decided that drastic contraction of money and credit was not to be permitted, a drastic fall in the price level could not have occurred.

### COMMANDING THE PRICE LEVEL.

He declared that if the central banks adopted a common policy they could raise or lower the price level almost at will. The matter was so important that it justified a conference between the financial leaders of Great Britain, the United States and France to devise a scheme for bringing together those countries with money to invest and those urgently requiring it.

Steps must also be taken to prevent drastic price fluctuations in the future.

### A REDISTRIBUTION OF GOLD.

Sir Herbert Holt, the President of the Bank, said that the concentration of gold in the United States and France had placed the control of world prices in the hands of those two countries. Until those countries realised their duty to the rest of the world, or until there was a redistribution of gold, the world could never attain stability.

## ENGLISH WEAVERS' DISPUTE.

## SUPPORT FOR BURNLEY OPERATIVES.

A meeting of the Northern Counties Textile Trade Federation at Blackburn yesterday decided to support the weavers who have ceased work at Burnley owing to the dispute over the more looms per weaver system. A report on the dispute was submitted by representatives of the Weavers' Amalgamation.

Eight mills at Burnley are affected.

The Northern Counties Textile Trades' Federation represents all the various sections of operatives in the manufacturing branch of the industry.

At the close of the meeting it was officially announced that the Central Board of the Federation had decided to reaffirm its previous decision to render all possible support to the Weavers' Amalgamation in their opposition to the employers' present proposals. The statement added:—They regret that the Burnley Employers' Association have decided to close down the mills on Monday, thereby widening the dispute unnecessarily, which will probably inflict greater hardship on the operatives and make more difficult a settlement of the question at issue.

The employers have decided to close all mills in the Burnley area on Monday next if the dispute has not been settled in the meantime.

## THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

## GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO BE STATED.

The Federal Structure Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference in London last night concluded their discussion of the Central Executive.

Lord Sankey said that he hoped to get his report in the hands of the delegates by Monday morning. If he could do that, there would be a meeting on Monday afternoon to consider the report, and a full meeting of the Conference in Committee or at a plenary session on Thursday next. He thought that the Conference would end on Thursday, 19th, or the 20th.

### COMING STATEMENT.

Earlier in the day Lord Sankey stated that the Prime Minister would consider all the reports of the Committees, and would make a declaration of the Government's policy and intentions at a plenary meeting of the Conference towards the end of next week or the beginning of the week after.

He thought he was entitled to say that they welcomed as warmly as did the other delegates the contributions which Lord Reading had made to the discussions. He himself believed that it was along such lines as he suggested that a solution would be found to their difficulties.

### THE CONSERVATIVE DELEGATES.

Sir Tej Sapru, winding up the discussion,

# POPE ON SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE.

## UNYIELDING STAND AGAINST DIVORCE.

## THE CRIME OF BIRTH CONTROL.

## "EMANCIPATION" OF WOMAN CONDEMNED.

IN an Encyclical of sixteen thousand words which was issued yesterday, the Pope deals with the sanctity of matrimony, and in forceful language condemns modern theories about marriage. Among the matters which the Pontiff unsparingly denounces are:—

**"Temporary," "experimental," and "companionate" marriages.**
**Birth control.**
**"Third party friendships."**
**Abortion.**
**Legal prevention of marriage on eugenic grounds.**
**Divorce.**

There is merely a passing reference to "mixed marriages." The Pope states that the Church does not approve of these unions, and believes that a Catholic person is very likely to suffer some detriment from such a marriage.

Modern proposals regarding marriage, His Holiness declares, "contain nothing of modern culture . . . but are simply hateful abominations which, beyond all question, lower our truly-cultured nations to the barbarous standards of savage peoples."

The Pope has no sympathy with the modern movement for the "emancipation" of woman. He characterises it as "not the true emancipation of woman, but rather a debasement of womanly character and the dignity of motherhood," and foresees in it the eventual reduction of woman to the slave status she held among the pagans.

### "BARBAROUS STANDARDS OF SAVAGES."

The Pope, according to a Reuter message from Rome, begins by condemning the suggestion that marriage is a man-made custom.

"The very source of these evils," the Holy Father declares, "is that their basic principle lies in the fact that matrimony is repeatedly declared to have been invented by man and not instituted by the Author of nature and raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a true Sacrament.

"Armed with these assertions some men go so far as to elaborate new forms of unions which are suited, they say, to the present temper of men and of the times. These various forms of matrimony they presume to designate as 'temporary,' 'experimental' and 'companionate.' These offer all the indulgence and all the rights of matrimony without, however, the indissoluble tie and without offspring, unless later the parties convert co-habitation into matrimony in the full sense of the law.

"Indeed, there are some who desire and insist that these practices should be legitimised by law, or, at least, condoned by their general acceptance by the public. They do not even seem to suspect that these proposals contain nothing of the modern culture in which they glory so much, but are simply hateful abominations, which, beyond all question, lower our truly cultured nations to the barbarous standards of savage peoples."

### "KNAVES" AND CHILDREN.

His Holiness proceeds to enumerate in detail those evils which are opposed to the various blessings and benefits of matrimony. "First of all," the Pontiff declares, "consideration should be given to the offspring, which some knaves in their boldness call 'the disagreeable burden of matrimony,' to be avoided, not through virtuous continence, which is permitted by Christian law, if both parties consent to it, but by frustrating the marriage act.

"Some justify this criminal abuse on the ground that they are weary of children and wish to gratify their desires without the resultant burden, while others declare that they can neither observe complete continence, nor, on the other hand, have children without endangering the mother's health, or, on account of family circumstances."

His Holiness then proceeds: "No reason, however grave, may be put forward whereby anything which is in itself against nature may become comformable to nature and morally good." He affirms that those who, "in exercising an act which is destined primarily by nature for the begetting of children, deliberately frustrate its natural power and purpose, sin against nature and commit a deed which is shameful and intrinsically vicious."

### "CRIME" PUNISHED BY DEATH.

This, the Encyclical declares, was a crime regarded with the greatest detestation by the Divine Majesty, who, as Holy Writ bears witness, has at times punished it by death.

The Pontiff includes in the Encyclical a special admonishment to priests hearing confessions and others having the care of souls, not to allow the faithful entrusted to their care to err regarding this most grave law of God, declaring that any who confirmed such wrong-doing by approval, or by maintaining a guilty silence, must make strict account to God, the Supreme Judge, for the betrayal of His sacred trust.

His Holiness acknowledges the recognition given by the Holy Church to the fact that one party is often more sinned against than sinning, unwillingly allowing the other so to pervert the right order of things, and adds that those who, in the married state, "use their right in a proper manner, although on account of natural reasons, such as advancing age or physical defects, new life cannot be created, cannot on this account be considered as acting against nature."

### PERILS OF CHILDBIRTH.

The Pope uses forcible words in denouncing "another very grave sin," that of "taking the life of the offspring in the mother's womb which, neither by the will of the father or mother, nor by medical, social or eugenic arguments (by which some seek to legalise it) can be excused. However much we may pity the mother, whose health, and even life, is gravely imperilled in the performance of the duty allotted to her by nature, nevertheless what could ever be a sufficient reason for excusing in any way the murder of the innocent.

"This is precisely what we are dealing with here. Whether it is inflicted upon the mother or upon the child, it is against the precept of God and the law of nature. 'Thou shalt not kill.' The life of each is equally sacred, and no one has the power, not even public authority, to destroy it. It is of no use to appeal to the right of taking away life; for here it is a question of the innocent, whereas that right has reference only to the guilty."

### ST. AUGUSTINE QUOTED.

The Pope then quotes St. Augustine as follows:—"A man and a woman who are parties to procuring sterility have come together not for honest wedlock, but for impure gratification. If both are not a party to such deeds, I say that either one makes herself the mistress of her husband or the other makes simply a paramour of his wife."

The Pope sternly opposes the eugenic principle of preventing marriage between persons who, "according to conjectures based upon the principle of hereditary transmission, are unfit to bring forth healthy offspring." While allowing that all should

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be done to promote the strength and health of the future, he condemned such a practice as an arrogation of power which the civil authority never had and never could legitimately possess.

### EUGENICS.

Although he agrees that these individuals should be dissuaded from entering upon matrimony, he declares that it is wrong to brand persons with the stigma of crime because they contract marriage, on the ground that, despite the fact that they are in every way capable of marriage, they will give birth only to defective children, even if they use all care and diligence.

The Pontiff denounces in no measured terms the admission of friendships with third parties. "Those who think that the ideas and morality of our present time concerning certain harmful, false friendships with a third party can be countenanced, and who teach that greater freedom of feeling and action in such external relations should be allowed to man and wife, the more particularly as many—so they consider—are possessed of an inborn sexual tendency which cannot be satisfied within the narrow limits of monogamous marriage, are destroying mutual fidelity.

### "THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE."

"That rigid attitude which condemns all sensual affections and actions with a third party they imagine to be a narrowing of mind and heart, something obsolete, or an abject form of jealousy, and, as a result, they look upon whatever penal laws are passed by the State for the preservation of conjugal faith as void, or to be abolished."

His Holiness gravely censures those who would do away with the obedience which woman owes to man. "The supporters of this movement," the Pontiff says, "declare that it is directed towards woman's emancipation by releasing her from unworthy subjection. This emancipation they regard as threefold—physiological, by freeing woman from her burdensome duties towards her family; social, by enabling her, in consequence of her freedom, to follow her own bent and devote herself to business and even to public affairs, and economic, by making her free to conduct and administer her own affairs, attending to these chiefly rather than to her children and husband."

### "EMANCIPATION" OF WOMAN.

"This, however," His Holiness declares, "is not the true emancipation of woman, but is rather a debasement of the womanly character and the dignity of motherhood. More than this: this false liberty and unnatural equality with her husband is to the detriment of woman herself. If woman descends from her truly regal throne, to which she has been raised within the walls of the home by means of the Gospel, she will soon be reduced to her old state of slavery—if not in appearance, certainly in reality—and become, as she was amongst the pagans, a mere instrument of man."

The Pontiff asserts that the equality of these rights, which have been so much exaggerated and distorted, must be recognised in those rights appertaining to the dignity of the human being, and which are proper to the marriage contract; for in these, undoubtedly, both parties enjoy the same rights and are bound by the same obligations. In other things there must be a certain inequality, due to the necessity for a readiness to prove accommodating, when this is demanded for the good of the

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# BUILDING TRADE DISPUTE.

## FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

## THREE THOUSAND MEN IN DUBLIN AFFECTED.

BY OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT.

THERE is now little hope of a settlement of the dispute between masters and men in the building industry in Dublin before the expiration of the Master Builders' Association's notice to-morrow.

On Wednesday a final conference between representatives of the Association and representatives of the trades' and labourers' unions was held in the Association's offices, but after discussions lasting nearly seven hours the conference broke down.

### EMPLOYERS' SUGGESTIONS.

Separately and collectively both sides discussed every aspect of the differences in detail; and proposals from both sides were made, but no agreement on any of these was reached, and all efforts to find a basis of negotiation on a new working agreement were abortive.

Before the final breakdown of the conference the employers' representatives suggested that the questions in dispute should be referred to an arbitrator agreed upon by the Association and the unions, and that the arbitrator's decision should bind both parties; but the unions' representatives declined to agree to this.

### DEMAND AND COUNTER-DEMAND.

The Association's demand is for a reduction in tradesmen's wages from the present rate of 1s. 10d. to 1s. 6d. an hour, and the extension of the working week from 44 to 46 hours. Counter demands from the tradesmen are for an increase of 2d. an hour and a working week of 40 hours.

The employers' new conditions are to come into operation as from Monday next, instead of January 1st, as originally arranged; and the failure of the conference makes it inevitable that after to-morrow about 3,000 building workers will be idle, as almost every building contractor in the city is a member of the Association.

There remains now only the possibility of the mediating intervention of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce; but if that is not successful at the eleventh hour in securing another postponement of the general stoppage, building in Dublin will be at a stand-still from to-morrow.

An *Irish Times* reporter was informed yesterday by the secretaries of the Dublin building trades group that the situation was unchanged, and that for the present they had no statement to make.

# BUILDING TRADE IN ENGLAND.

## REDUCTION IN WAGES RECOMMENDED.

The National Joint Council for the building industry in Great Britain, meeting in London yesterday, recommended that a reduction of a halfpenny per hour should take effect from February 1, and that negotiations should be resumed between the employers and the operatives with a view to amending the present agreement or formulating a new one.

# A WHITE RUSSIAN "PLOT."

## ANOTHER MOSCOW TRIAL.

In a message from Riga yesterday *The Times* Correspondent says:—Moscow has completed the main preparations for the second of the series of political trials arranged this winter to "unmask" foreign politicians who are supposed to be planning a military invasion of Soviet territory. This time Poland occupies the centre of the stage, and prominent White Russians serve as "accomplices within the U.S.S.R.," with *rôles* similar to those played by the Russian professors and engineers at the recent trial in Moscow.

This second trial will be held at Minsk, the capital of the White Russian Soviet Republic. The indictment has not yet been published, but the chief charges are that White Russian intellectuals, with Nationalist-Democratic leanings, occupying responsible posts in Soviet institutions, established relations with White Russians in Poland, and plotted a revolt against the Soviet Government, which was to be assisted by the Polish Army, and to be followed by the annexation of Soviet White Russia by Poland.

In November and December the O.G.P.U. arrested for this trial a number of prominent White Russians, including Svikevich, Lastovsky, Nekrashevich, Smolich and Kraskovsky, whom the Soviet Press describes as "former emigres and Ministers." As in the Moscow trial, only a few of these arrested will appear before the tribunal.

# POPE RECEIVES IRISH COLLEGE RECTOR.

## FREE STATE MINISTER'S BANQUET.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
*VATICAN CITY, Thursday.*

The Pope gave an audience to-day to Monsignor Michael Curran, Rector of the Irish College.

Mr. Bewley, the Irish Free State Minister to the Holy See, gave a banquet last night at the new seat of the Legation, at which the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Pacelli, and other prelates of the Pontifical Court were present.

[NOTE—Mr. Charles Bewley, K.C., presented his credentials as Free State Minister to the Holy See on the 27th June, 1929. He was educated at Winchester (Scholar) and New College, Oxford (Scholar), and was the winner of the Newdigate Prize for English Verse in 1910. He was caleld to the Irish Bar in 1914, and to the Inner Bar of the Free State in 1926.]

# M.P. IN LION'S CAGE.

## DANGEROUS COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE.

Mr. John S. Clarke, the member of Parliament for the Maryhill Division of Glasgow, last night made a venturesome experiment in the course of collecting evidence which he is gathering for private circulation among members of Parliament to show that cruelty is not necessary in the training of wild animals.

Mr. Clarke is opposing the Performing Animals Bill at present before the Commons. A big crowd was astonished to see the M.P. enter a cage at a menagerie at Glasgow, in which were two full-grown tigers and two large lions. He was wearing a lounge suit, and, though accompanied by the trainer, was otherwise unprotected. While Mr. Clarke was in the cage the animals were continually snarling, thrashing out with their paws, and bearing their fangs. When he came from the cage Mr. Clarke confessed to a reporter that it was a very trying ordeal. Nevertheless, he again entered the cage, and twice walked from end to end of it. The trainer said:—"Mr. Clarke is the bravest man I have met."

# ODYSSEY OF THE AIR.

## ITALIANS' OCEAN FLIGHT.

## GENERAL BALBO'S REPORT.

## HOW FATAL ACCIDENTS OCCURRED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
*ROME, Thursday.*

A CABLED account of Tuesday's great flight of an Italian air fleet across the Southern Atlantic and of the fatal accidents that marred the achievement, has now been received by Signor Mussolini from General Balbo, the Italian Air Minister, who accompanied the squadron.

After explaining the metereological reasons for deciding to start on a night when there was a full moon, although the machines were ready on January 1st, the Minister says that all that was not absolutely indispensable had been left on land. Only instruments of navigation were taken on board in order to leave the greatest possible space for petrol for a flight of more than twenty hours.

From January 1st to January 4th the weather reports received from warships were unfavourable. On January 5th (Monday) the situation improved somewhat. Although the weather conditions were still dangerous, it was necessary to start at once in order to take advantage of the moon. The reports announced that rain was not expected for the first six hours of the flight (that is to say, for the period of the night). General Balbo therefore, fixed 1.30 a.m. for the start.

### HEAVY LOAD AT TAKE-OFF.

The load for taking off was fixed at 4,600 kilos, which exceeded by almost one-third the maximum load carried by seaplanes of a thousand horse-power in the equatorial zones in previous trans-Atlantic flights. This load was decided on as a result of trials made at Bolama in the daytime, but the taking off at night in a thick mist made the undertaking much more difficult.

Before the departure General Balbo called together the crews, who wore black shirts, "symbol of the determination of Fascism to conquer in this battle," to give them all their instructions. The Governor and the Portuguese authorities took leave of them in an extremely cordial manner. At the last moment General Balbo yielded to the entreaties of the commanders of the two repair aeroplanes, Captain Donadelli and Lieutenant Teucci, and gave them permission to take part in the flight.

### A DIFFICULT START.

The take-off was made in four flights of three machines, each of which were painted red, black, white and grey respectively. The black flight, commanded by General Balbo, was the first to start, and it was not able to see the take-off of the other flights. General Balbo only noticed that the machine of General Valle, which was in the second flight, had difficulty in taking-off, and that he was obliged to return to unload, as he had taken more than the prescribed amount on board. Thus it was that General Valle took-off an hour after the others, but his machine darted forward in pursuit in brilliant fashion, and rejoined the other machines near the Brazilian coast.

It was exactly 1.29 a.m. (Greenwich mean time) when the machines took-off under conditions of excessive difficulty on account of fog, for the moon was entirely hidden. In a darkness which was almost complete the flight began by the aid only of the instruments on board, notably the altimeter and the speed indicator. The crew being perfectly trained, the flight did not give rise to any anxiety; for the pilots were able to find the route and to adjust any tendency to deviate by the various methods adopted.

### SIX HOURS' BLIND FLYING.

During the first six hours of the flight the airmen did not catch a glimpse of a patch of clear sky. After passing the island of Orango, fifty-seven miles from Bolama, the sea became threatening, and thick clouds gathered and shut off the horizon. Nevertheless, the squadron maintained its compact formation, though the distance between the machines shortened in order to facilitate liaison by signal lights.

Just before half-past seven, after six hours' flying, the first light of a leaden dawn streaked the sea. The machines were all flying in perfect formation. General Balbo communicated with the other machines, who answered his signals, and it was only later that he learnt that two machines had remained at Bolama.

### THE FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The seaplane commanded by Captain Recagno, after having successfully taken-off, was obliged, as the result of a sudden loss of speed, to come down in the sea and lost its float, which caught fire. Boats duly rescued the crew, with the exception of the mechanic, who was found to be missing.

The accident was, it is remarked, due to causes which, in the present stage of aviation, it is difficult to explain, but which will doubtless be guarded against in the future, when the science of aviation becomes more perfect.

A second machine, commanded by Captain Boer and by the second pilot, Lieutenant Barbicinti, in spite of the exceptionally skilful piloting, was obliged for some unknown cause, to come down in the sea a few minutes after taking off. It immediately burst into flames, and was destroyed in a few seconds. The four airmen on board perished.

### GENERAL BALBO'S THEORY

General Balbo believes that this second accident was due to a short circuit, which might easily have happened in view of the electric installation for the signal lights and the wireless. He recalls that allowances had been made before the flight for the possible loss of three machines out of the twelve which took part.

The squadron spread out during the day in order to be able to climb more easily above the innumerable banks of rain clouds which, particularly during the second stage of the flight, enveloped the machines, and made it impossible to get a glimpse of the sea.

The flight did not, however, present insurmountable difficulties.

### TWO MORE DOWN.

After nine hours flying General Balbo received an S.O.S. from the machine commanded by Captain Baistrocchi, who had been forced down into the sea and gave his position. Knowing that both Captain Baistrocchi and Signor Gallo, who was also in the machine, were skilful pilots, General Balbo communicated the position of the machine to a naval division, which sent a unit to take it in tow. The machine was found to have sustained damage to its radiator. The machine commanded by Captain Donatelli suffered similar damage, and was obliged to come down six hundred kilometres from the island of Fernando Noronha. The machine was taken in tow by a naval unit.

After fifteen hours flying the airmen sighted the island of Fernando Noronha, and after eighteen hours the Brazilian coast came into view. The squadron, maintaining its formation, flew over Port Natal and landed at 7.30 p.m. (G.M.T.), amid the cheers of a large crowd that included many Italians.

# THE SALMON OF THE SHANNON.

## SPAWNING BEDS DAMAGED.

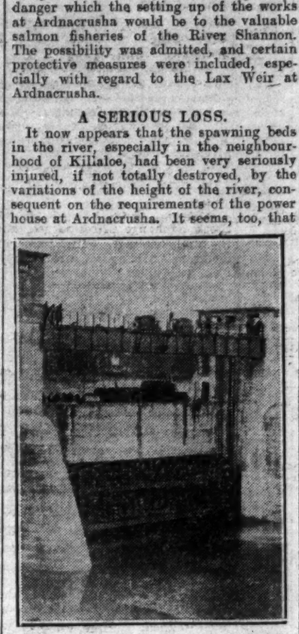
## ALLEGED INTERFERENCE BY ELECTRICITY WORKS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DURING the discussions in the Dail on the Shannon Electricity Supply Bill many references were made to the possible danger which the setting up of the works at Ardnacrusha would be to the valuable salmon fisheries of the River Shannon. The possibility was admitted, and certain protective measures were included, especially with regard to the Lax Weir at Ardnacrusha.

### A SERIOUS LOSS.

It now appears that the spawning beds in the river, especially in the neighbourhood of Killaloe, had been very seriously injured, if not totally destroyed, by the variations of the height of the river, consequent on the requirements of the power house at Ardnacrusha. It seems, too, that



ONE OF THE SHANNON SLUICE GATES.

the passage of the salmon to the spawning beds is impeded generally, and that the prospect of maintaining a full supply of fish in the river is seriously imperilled.

This was the case represented to Mr. P. McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, and Mr. Finian Lynch, Minister for Fisheries, by a deputation from the Limerick Fishery Conservators, who waited on them at Government Buildings yesterday.

### FISHING INTERESTS.

The deputation suggested that, while they did not wish to under-rate the importance of the electricity works or to take away in the least from the great success which had been achieved so far, there was an obligation on the part of the Government to see that the fishery interests should not be allowed to suffer. They asked the Ministers to consider the question of setting up hatcheries such as exist in other salmon rivers, whereby the stock of fish might be maintained. Such hatcheries would cost, they estimated, about £5,000.

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES.

The deputation stated also that last season's salmon-fishing was the worst on record, but they did not blame the electricity works for this. Their experience was the same as that of most other salmon rivers. They were anxious, however, that succeeding bad seasons might not be made worse from avoidable causes. The provision of hatcheries was a perfectly feasible proposition, and they put it to the Ministers that it was due to the Shannon fisheries that the Government should come to their aid.

### DEPUTATION IN HOPEFUL MOOD.

The discussion continued for over an hour, and when the deputation left they expressed themselves very hopeful that their object would be achieved.

The deputation included Messrs. Nolan, O'Kelly, O'Connell, Crowley and Burke, T.D.'s, and Messrs. Pegum, Blood-Smith, O'Sullivan, Forde and other members of the Fishery Board.

# LATE NEWS.

*BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH "THE TIMES."*

## FINAL TRANSPORT REPORT.

*The Times* to-day says:—Alike in its subject matter, and in its possible effects, the third and final report of the Royal Commission on Transport differs materially from the two previous reports presented by Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen and his colleagues. It deals, as they did, with the general problem of the improvements in the co-ordination and development of the available means of transport which the Commission consider advisable in the national interest. But, whereas the first two reports were concerned with transport on the roads, the present report, which was issued yesterday, is devoted to the far more difficult and complex subject of the co-ordination of all forms of transport, not only on the roads, but on the railways, and also by canals and shipping.

### TOO DIFFICULT.

Although the Commissioners express the hope that the measures already recommended for the improvement of the various forms of transport will go far to make their co-ordinated working more easy to accomplish in the future, they admit that the co-ordination of all forms of transport—and particularly of goods transport—has proved too difficult for them. The problem must be left for further consideration. So, too, since there is to be no immediate legislation arising out of the report, must the whole of the suggestions which it puts forward. That, it will be generally agreed, is all to the good. It will be soon enough for Parliament to turn to the questions affecting the transport of the whole country when they have finished with the bill for the co-ordination of passenger traffic in London. In the meantime, the positive changes recommended by the Commission will receive careful and dispassionate examination by all the interests concerned.

### ARTERIAL ROADS.

A recommendation with which there will be general agreement, adds *The Times*, is that there should be no further expenditure on new arterial roads. The need of the day, in the opinion of the Commissioners, is the reconstruction and improvement of existing roads, the strengthening of bridges, and the provision of by-pass facilities, the cost of work on the highways to be met in the proportions of two-thirds and one-third by the taxation on motor vehicles and by the ratepayers. Of the many suggestions of the report, the recommendation that there should be no more building of arterial roads will—at all events to the ratepayers—perhaps, make the most immediate appeal, and there seems to be no reason why it should not be acted upon at once.

# COAL-OWNERS REPLY TO PREMIER.

## MR. MACDONALD'S EXPLANATION.

## MORE HOPEFUL OUTLOOK IN SOUTH WALES.

IN their reply to the Prime Minister's speech at Seaham Harbour, the coal-owners of Great Britain remind him that their objection to the National Industrial Board was "moved by a determination that the events of 1926 should not be repeated."

The owners deny the charge that they have not been law-abiding, and remind the Premier that, under the Act of 1930, neither attendance at the Board nor obedience to its findings is compulsory.

When Mr. Macdonald's attention was drawn to the owners' reply, he explained that, in all he said on Wednesday, he merely intended to be helpful towards peace.

The South Wales miners at Cardiff yesterday approved proposals for submission to the owners at to-day's conciliation meeting, and they hope that a settlement will result.

### OWNERS' REPLY TO MR. MACDONALD.

#### SCRUPULOUS OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW.

The colliery-owners of Great Britain last night issued the following reply to the speech delivered by the Prime Minister (Mr. Ramsay Macdonald) at Seaham Harbour on Wednesday night:—

"The Prime Minister's speech contains statements that would be astonishing, indeed, were not allowances made for the fact that Mr. Macdonald sits in Parliament for a mining constituency. Their utterance at the very moment when the President of the Board of Trade was actively engaged in a conciliation regarding the South Wales dispute is scarcely calculated to assist the further negotiations in that, or other, coalfields.

"The Prime Minister described the National Industrial Board as the essential part of the reorganisation of the coal-mining industry, and denounced the owners for refusing to be law-abiding, by not recognising the National Industrial Board, and for the bad example they are thus setting the miners.

"Mr. Macdonald apparently forgets that the clause making provisions for the establishment of the National Industrial Board was not in the original draft of the Coal Mines Bill, but was added as an afterthought, despite the opposition of the owners, clearly expressed to him by them at the time.

"Could the Prime Minister contemplate the imposition upon the industry by the legislation of this, or any other, Government of a piece of machinery for dealing with disputes that had been consistently opposed on principle by one party in the industry, if that party had been the Miners' Federation of Great Britain?

#### NO COMPULSION.

"Nor will the Prime Minister find anything in the Act of 1930 making it compulsory upon any party either to recommend individuals for membership of the Board, to appear before it, or to accept its findings.

"So far from defying the law, the owners have been careful to keep scrupulously within it, except when they and the miners, on the urgent appeal of the Prime Minister himself, committed a technical breach by working the spread-over system without the formal consent of the Miners' Federation.

"And with regard to Part 1 of the Act, where the initiative lay with them, the owners have carried out their obligations with the maximum speed and the minimum of friction.

"Their objection to the National Industrial Board was, and is, that it would delay, where it did not actually prevent, settlement by the established conciliation machinery in the district, and that from its composition it would tend to propose compromises based on political considerations, regardless of the economic position of the industry.

"Given the existence of the Industrial Courts Act, the sole excuse for setting up the Board was the re-establishment of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain as the wage-negotiating body for the whole industry, and in their opposition to this the owners have been moved by a determination that the events of 1926 should not be repeated."

### INTENDED TO BE HELPFUL.

#### MR. MACDONALD EXPLAINS

Before leaving his constituency last night Mr. Macdonald replied to the statement of the coal-owners on his Seaham Harbour speech.

In all I said, he told a Press Association reporter, I wanted to be helpful in the present situation. I did not say a word that was not helpful or not intended to be helpful. The owners say that they want to prevent a repetition of the events of 1926. So do I, and that is why I said what I did.

### PREMIER HOPEFUL.

#### AN EARLY SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE.

The Prime Minister, speaking in his constituency at Trimdon, Durham, last night, said:—I am very glad to say that the communication I have had from London to-day over the telephone, regarding the South Wales dispute, shows that there is a very good prospect of a settlement to-morrow or the next day. You know perfectly—better than I do—what the value of strife is. Every now and again it is forced upon us. Every now and again conditions are offered to you which you cannot accept. Every now and again employers take up an attitude which can only be met by a similar attitude taken up by you. Yet you know that, although fighting is absolutely essential, when the day comes when reason, justice, and brains settle disputes, it will be a good day for you, a good day for the coal industry, and a good day for the nation.

#### TRADE DISPUTES BILL.

In a reference to the Trade Disputes Bill, Mr. Macdonald said that there was no measure about which more specious nonsensical talk could be indulged in. If people maintained that this bill was being put on the Statute Book because it had been ordered, they were wrong. If trade unionism was going to fight under modern conditions, it must have political power.

If I knew, he added, that when this bill was carried and became an Act of Parliament, you, either individually or collectively, suppressed a Liberal or a Tory who belonged to your union, please remember that in me you would have an opponent, because the Liberal and the Tory has got just as much right as a Labour man to send his penny where he likes. Our weapon is the weapon of persuasion, not the weapon of coercion, and the more persuasion we use, and the less coercion we use, the better for us, and the healthier will our movement be. (Cheers.)

### SOUTH WALES MINERS.

#### TERMS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OWNERS.

Mr. Tom Richards, one of the miners' representatives at the Board of Trade conferences of Wednesday last, returned to Cardiff yesterday and placed the results of the negotiations before the Miners' Federation Executive. The delegates, thereupon, agreed to a plan to be placed before the coal-owners to-day.

The Press Association understands that the miners will agree that certain points in dispute between the two parties shall be submitted to an independent chairman of the new Conciliation Board when it has been set up. In the meantime, there will be no reduction in wages for the seven and a half hour day to be worked until a new agreement is drawn up.

By concessions of this nature on both sides it is hoped that a way out of the difficulty will be found, and the miners confidently expect that an agreement will be reached within two or three hours.

A final meeting of the Executive will be held this morning, when the plan, which was discussed last night at mass meetings in the coal valleys, will be approved.

No meeting of the coal-owners was summoned yesterday, but Mr. Finlay Gibson, the secretary of their Association, was in telephonic communication with many of them during the afternoon.

Mr. W. L. Cook, conciliation officer of the Mines Department, met the Warwickshire owners and workmen yesterday at Birmingham in an effort to avert the threatened stoppage. The matter in dispute was the present spread-over proposal. As the result of an all-day sitting it was announced that a formula had been drawn up, and would be submitted to the respective Associations for approval, work to be continued on the old system in the meantime.

Representatives of the Leicester coal-owners and miners have signed an agreement under which the present spread-over system of ninety hours per fortnight will be continued until March 31.

# FALL OF SILVER IN CHINA.

## STABILISATION NEEDED.

*The Times* Shanghai Correspondent telegraphed yesterday:—The price of the pound sterling in silver was to-day over twenty-one dollars, a rate of exchange which is causing importers extreme dismay. The present decline, apart from the general weakness of silver, is attributed to paymnets in settlement of exceptionally large orders placed in anticipation of the new tariff, and for piece-goods imported from England and Japan to replenish exhausted stocks.

In the interior a large aggregate of transactions, it is understood, are still uncovered, and there is apprehension of a further fall in exchange and of failure on the part of buyers to take up their contracts.

The feeling grows that Foreign Governments interested in Far Eastern trade will have to consider measures to stabilise silver, and, failing action for this object, that there is a risk that the market for foreign products in China, in particular, will collapse altogether.

# NEW WORLD SUGAR CONVENTION.

## PROPOSAL TO GERMAN PRODUCERS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
*BERLIN, Thursday.*

International negotiations for the purpose of a new "World Sugar Convention," which did not lead to an agreement at Brussels, have been continued here.

The non-European sugar exporters, through Mr. Chadbourne (representing the Cuban interests) proposed to the German producers an export quota of 500,000 tons for 1930-31; 350,000 tons for 1931-32, and 300,000 tons for the subsequent three years. The German delegates at the negotiations agreed to accept the proposal, and it is expected that the German producers consent to it will be given at a meeting which will take place on Monday next.

[Note—As Germany was the only sugar-exporting country with which agreement had not been reached, presumably there is now no obstacle to the putting into force of the world sugar restriction scheme. At the International Conference held at Brussels last month an agreement was definitely concluded fixing the annual exports of sugar from the European-producing countries as follows:—Czecho-Slovakia, 590,000 tons; Poland, 390,000 tons; Hungary, 87,500 tons, and Belgium, 31,500 tons. The figures for Cuba and Java were settled at the Amsterdam Conference held at the beginning of December. Germany held out against the quota of 200,000 tons allotted to her, and the continuation of negotiations with representatives of the German sugar industry was authorised.]

When a young man, Daniel McKelvey, was charged at Stranorlar District Court yesterday with the larceny of a heifer, the property of James Rodgers, of the same district, the defence was that the defendant was so drunk that he did not know what he was doing when he went into the byre and took out the heifer, which led the defendant to Letterkenny, ten miles away. He was discharged under the Probation of Offenders Act on entering into bail for his good behaviour for two years and paying 50s. costs.

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# FEW HOMES FOR IRISH HEROES.

## PROMISES OF BRITISH MINISTERS NOT REDEEMED.

## 40,000 HOUSES PLAN THAT FELL TO 3,600.

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

*KILLALOE, Thursday.*

The plight of the ex-Connaught Ranger, who, with his wife and baby, is forced to live in an old "lean-to" composed of bacon boxes in the town of Gort, has drawn from Major H. Lefroy, of Cambrai, Killaloe, Co. Clare, the following brief history of the failure of British Ministers to redeem the promises made to Irishmen recruited to the colours during the European War. Major Lefroy was in command of the recruiting area of the Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Royal Irish Regiment, and later was Chairman of Lord French's Advisory Committee in the Counties Tipperary and Clare.

The original intention, said Major Lefroy to me when I saw him at his home to-day, was to build 40,000 houses in Ireland, a number which would go a long way to meet the promises made from recruiting platforms that housing accommodation would be provided for every man who came back from the war.

### THE ACT OF 1919.

The war ended in November, 1918, and the intervening years have witnessed many disappointments and set-backs. True, the British Government in 1919 may be said to have fulfilled the promises of its Ministers to the letter, if not in full spirit, in that they passed an Act of the Imperial Parliament in 1919, entitled the Irish Land (Provisions of Sailors and Soldiers) Act, for the purpose of providing the Irish ex-Service ment with houses. In all, some 250,000 Irishmen fought with the Colours in the Great War, and a modest estimate was that 40,000 houses would be required to meet the needs of the returning Irish soldiers. These facts were in the knowledge of the authorities, but, whatever the intentions of the legislators, they reckoned without the "keepers of the purse." Throughout Ireland the Act was taken at its face value, and in the thirty-two counties schemes were prepared setting out the number of houses required in the different districts. Many of these schemes were examined, authorised and approved; building operations were started, and at the outset there was no question of setting a limit to numbers.

To take a typical case. In the No. 1 area, which comprised the Counties of Tipperary and Clare, in which Major Lefroy was Chairman of the Advisory Committee, schemes were approved for over 500 houses, and many other counties were similarly treated.

### IN KILLALOE.

In the little town of Killaloe, whence 118 men joined up, there were built 42 houses for ex-Service men, some with two-acre plots and the others with one-acre plots. But not all the districts fared so well. There was unexpected opposition forthcoming, and of the particular five hundred houses authorised and approved in No. 1 Area, only about half were built. In the case of one scheme for 25 houses, for instance, at Roscrea, only 12 houses were built; the foundations of the remainder were actually laid, but the work was stopped, and there the foundations remain till this day.

The Treasury had intervened. Whilst the work was still in an early stage the Sailors' and Soldiers' Branch of the Department of Local Government wrote, in November, 1921, intimating to the Secretary of the Comrades of the Great War that the Board had received explicit directions from His Majesty's Government suspending the making of any further grants for the provision of cottages and plots to ex-Service men, and that they were unable to consider any further applications. A few days later, from the same Department, Major Lefroy received a letter stating that, owing to the limitations placed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury upon the number of cottages to be erected under the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Act, 1919, it would not be possible to make further schemes for the provision of houses in the Counties Tipperary and Clare in addition to those already authorised

This step was taken by the Treasury during the period of the Truce, although there was no limitation in the Act to the number of houses to be built.

This act of the Treasury was a distinct breach of the many promises made during the war, that a bill would be passed in the British Parliament to provide houses for all ex-Service men who applied. All the recruiting officers in Ireland were instructed to tell recruits that a bill for the purpose would be introduced.

### A LETTER.

Here is an extract from a letter written by the late Sir Henry McLaughlin, Director-General of Recruiting in Ireland. He wrote:—"... Shortly after Lord Kitchener, when Secretary of State for War, did me the honour of appointing me as Director-General of Recruiting for Ireland, the British Government gave me authority to say publicly from the platform that everything would be done for the ex-Service man on his return, and particularly in the way of housing, and time and again men have come to me and informed me that the British Government are not upholding the promises made through me. As a matter of fact, I think I am correct in stating that only about one out of every seventy-two is receiving a house, even under the present scheme."

That letter written in December, 1925, to Mr. Amery, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, represented (1) the views held by those who had conducted recruiting in Ireland as to the commitment of His Majesty's Ministers, and (2) their sore disappointment that so little had been done. But the statement does not reveal all that happened. Consequent on the Treasury intervention, and also the political transition in Ireland, progress, even with such schemes as had received approval, was very slow, and there was much discontent at the decision of the British Government to curtail the number of houses to 3,600 for all Ireland.

In the year 1923 the Duke of Devonshire, who was at the time Colonial Secretary, intimated that it was the intention of the Government to form a "Sailors' and Soldiers' Irish Land Trust" with the sum of £1,500,000 at its disposal to finish building in Ireland, and added that he would not shut the door on the question of more houses. In his letter asking Major Lefroy to become a member of the Trust, the Duke of Devonshire wrote:—"Though much has been done, much remains to do." The first meeting of the Trust was held in London in January, 1924, but from the very outset there was trouble. To begin with, the headquarters of the Trust were located in London, and the Chairman was an official of the Treasury, two members were from Northern Ireland, and two from the Irish Free State. Official notes were taken of all the meetings and at the January, 1924, meeting an official of the Treasury, in evidence, stated that the Trust would start *de novo* with a sum up to £1,500,000, for the completion of 2,626 cottages in the Irish Free State and 1,046 in Northern Ireland. Later in 1924 the Treasury informed the Trust that they could not expend more than £500 a house for the future—an announcement that stopped all building. Fresh negotiations were begun and went on for months, as it was impossible to build houses in conformity with the specifications at £500 a house.

The Treasury then made an offer of £1,250,000 to do as the Trust pleased with. Four members voted for accepting the sum, but Major Lefroy held out and succeeded in getting the sum increased by £50,000.

### FAILURE OF THE TRUST.

Still, however, matters hung fire, and in the early part of 1925 a deputation from the British Legion of Ireland waited on President Cosgrave and submitted their case in connection with the failure of the Trust to carry into effect the balance of the housing undertakings contemplated under the 1919 Act with the expedition which the present housing conditions of ex-Service men required. They asked the President to request the British Government to institute an immediate inquiry into the administration of the Act since its inception.

President Cosgrave, in a letter to General Sir Bryan Mahon, said that while slow to adduce definite reasons for the lack of progress, "there appears to be strong grounds for believing that the main causes are:—(1) That the British authorities have sought to impose an all-in cost per house of £500 in urban centres and £400 elsewhere; and (2) the present system of administration."

In regard to the first point, he was satisfied from housing authorities he had consulted that the maximum cost of houses in urban centres, where the majority of ex-Service men must necessarily be housed, should be at least £600. In rural centres £400 might be retained.

As to the second reason, President Cosgrave expressed the view that the fact that the Chairman, who had a controlling authority, resided in London must cause considerable delay as regards all projected schemes, and there seemed to him little doubt that if full controlling authority were vested in trustees resident in Ireland greater satisfaction would accrue to everyone concerned.

On behalf of the Trust General Sir Bryan Mahon and Major Lefroy sent to President Cosgrave a full statement of the history of the Trust, and this memorandum in due course was sent to the Dominions Office in London by Mr. T. M. Healy, who was then Governor-General, with a covering letter, urging that the Treasury should reconsider the whole question. Mr. Healy, on behalf of the Free State Ministry, drew special attention to the adverse effect on the successful working of the Trust of the fixing of the headquarters in London, and the virtual concentration of the powers of the Trust in the Chairman. He pointed out that, although the Trustees had been in office since January, 1924, very little practical work had been accomplished up to the date of the letter—June, 1925; and that the delay in providing houses had given rise to great discontent amongst ex-Service men.

### A PROPOSED INQUIRY.

The representatives of the British Legion at the annual conference in London unanimously passed a resolution in favour of an inquiry into the working of the Irish Land Trust, and Major Lefroy offered £100 towards the expenses of the inquiry. The offer was refused, but it still stands should the British Government decide to hold the inquiry. The only result of the correspondence and agitation was that Major Lefroy was asked to resign from his position of trustee.

There the matter still stands, and the plight of the ex-Service men in the matter of housing accommodation is more pressing than ever. As was seen from the dreadful happening at Gort these men who fought in the Great War are in many cases living in places not fit to shelter cattle.

# EAST BRISTOL ELECTION.

## LABOUR AND LIBERAL ADDRESSES.

The three candidates in the East Bristol by-election—Sir Stafford Cripps, Labour; Mr. E. Baker, Liberal, and Mr. P. J. Chapman Walker, Conservative—yesterday had to do their canvassing and open-air speaking in one of the worst fogs known in the district.

Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Baker yesterday issued their election addresses, which were illustrated with photographs.

Sir Stafford Cripps claims that the Government has made provisions for over £135,000,000 worth of work for the unemployed. He states that he is opposed to any reduction of the standard of wages, and to any cutting-down of expenditure on essential social services and on wages, to save the pockets of the payers of income tax and super tax.

Mr. Baker, in his address, attacks the Government's unemployment policy. He says that there is no obstacle in the way of providing a remedy for unemployment, except a lack of Government enterprise, and no excuse can be sufficient warrant for allowing the present drift to continue. Mr. Baker's address is also illustrated with photographs.

The Conservative candidate has not yet had time to issue his election address.

# A TRANSPORT MONOPOLY.

## SITUATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*SYDNEY, Thursday.*

The Government of New South Wales intends to create an absolute transport monopoly, wiping out the Railway Commission, the Transport Trust and the Main Roads Board.

A single Commissioner will be responsible for the whole administration, a new cabinet post being created.

### HEAVY EXPENDITURE.

For the first six months of the financial year the expenditure of New South Wales has exceeded the revenue by £5,353,839.

# "GORGEOUS MENDACITY" OF ASTROPHYSICS.

## BERNARD SHAW'S ADVICE TO NEW REVIEW.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*BERLIN, Thursday.*

The first issue of a monthly periodical in English, the *International Forum*, appeared here to-day, edited by Mr. James Murphy, an Irish lecturer and writer. The purpose of the monthly is to "bring together in regular intercourse with one another the creative intelligence of Britain, Germany and America."

Among the contributors to the first number are Mr. John Galsworthy, Max Planck and Ernst Simmel.

In sending his subscription for thirty months, Mr. George Bernard Shaw hoped that the review would last long enough to outlive his £1 subscription. He then observed, "despite the innumerable international reviews which I have seen perish in their cradles, I think there may be a chance for this one."

"Astrophysics have become extraordinarily popular, possibly because of the gorgeous mendacity to which they lend themselves, and there may be a chance for your *International Forum*, if you keep it on advanced lines and push it in the right quarters."

# SEAPLANES AND TEAR BOMBS.

## BROOKLYN METHODS WITH COMMUNISTS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*NEW YORK, Thursday.*

Laden with tear-gas bombs ready to be dropped in case of serious emergency, two police seaplanes to-day flew over Communist hunger-marchers near the Salvation Army headquarters in Brooklyn.

After a fifteen minutes' fight with the police, in the course of which two detectives were severely scratched and kicked by women and a dozen of the paraders were injured by the police swinging clubs, the crowd was dispersed.

# MOOR MURDER MYSTERY

## SEARCH FOR WOMAN'S ASSAILANT.

## FIRE STARTED IN BACK OF CAR.

The Northumberland police have not yet traced the stranger who on Tuesday evening attacked and fatally injured Miss Evelyn Foster (27), daughter of an Otterburn garage proprietor, of a spot on the lonely moorland, afterwards setting her car on fire.

The police yesterday obtained information regarding the motorists for whom a broadcast appeal was made on Wednesday night. The driver of the car, who was on the way from Edinburgh to London, informed the police from Doncaster that he gave two men a lift from Jedburgh as far as Newcastle. They stopped at an hotel near the border some miles from Otterburn, and then proceeded to Newcastle. The car passed the scene of the crime between eight and nine, and the driver has no recollection of seeing Miss Foster's car or of noticing anything amiss.

The inquest on Miss Foster was opened yesterday in the village hall at Otterburn, and was adjourned until February 2.

The Coroner told the jury that they might not need a further sitting if there were other proceedings.

### TOWARDS SCOTLAND?

The police are satisfied that the driver of the car which went through Otterburn to Newcastle can help them no further. Another car, of which so far no possible description can be given, is mentioned by several villagers of Otterburn. Some of them declare that at 9.30 on the night of the murder they heard a car speed past their houses on the main road towards Scotland. The police have as yet received no information of a motorist giving a man a lift away from the vicinity, and it is possible that Miss Foster's assailant made his escape on foot. When he was first seen by Miss Foster he was standing near the junction of Watling street and the Jedburgh-Newcastle road, a few miles out from Otterburn. Regularly Miss Foster made the journey from Otterburn to Rochester, taking on passengers who had disembarked at Otterburn. If he was waiting at that place for her it suggests that he was aware of her movements. As she had to refill her car at the garage for the projected run towards Newcastle, he suggested he should meet her at a neighbouring hotel. The fact that he knew the name of a hotel four or five miles away strengthens the belief that he was familiar with the locality.

In Miss Foster's dying statement she alluded to what she thought was a whistle, suggesting that her assailant whistled to someone before making his escape

A possible explanation of this was given to a reporter by a villager. On the moors about the Ottercrops are many sheep, and these, when disturbed, make a curious sound resembling a hiss or a whistle. It is thought that perhaps some sheep strayed near Miss Foster while she was crawling in agony on the ground, and that the noise she heard was made by them when they were disturbed.

There was considerable police activity in the district yesterday afternoon, and Superintendent Shell, of Hexham, and other officers had a long conference, and reviewed all aspects of the case. The burnt-out car is now locked in the garage in Otterburn, and yesterday it was carefully examined by an expert brought in by the police. It has been definitely established that the fire started in the inside of the car at the back, and spread forward. The driving wheel was destroyed by the fire, so that there is no hope of finding finger-prints on it.

A doctor carried out a *post-mortem* examination of Miss Foster's body yesterday, and certain organs were removed for examination.

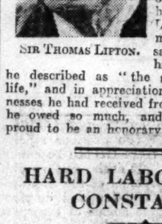
### POLICE ACTIVITY.

The Stoke-on-Trent city police are inquiring into a statement made by a motor driver of Burslem. He stated that when driving a motor vehicle near Arclid, Cheshire, in the direction of Tunstall, he was stopped by a man whom he thought answered the description of the man wanted by the police in connection with the murder of Miss Evelyn Foster. The driver gave the man a lift.

# SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S GIFT.

## £10,000 TO GLASGOW POOR.

A gift of £10,000 has been made by Sir Thomas Lipton to ease the lot of poor mothers and children in his native city of Glasgow. The gift was made when Lord Provost Kelly of Glasgow and Sir John Samuel were the guests of Sir Thomas at lunch at his house, Osidge, Southgate, London, on Wednesday. After some conversation at the luncheon table, Sir Thomas wrote out the cheque and handed it to the Lord Provost. He made the gift, he said, in memory of his mother, whom he described as "the guiding star of my life," and in appreciation of the many kindnesses he had received from the city to which he owed so much, and of which he was proud to be an honorary burgess.



SIR THOMAS LIPTON.

# HARD LABOUR FOR CONSTABLE.

## ELECTRICAL THIEF TRAP DEMONSTRATED.

James Mortimer Twamley (29), a member of the Liverpool Police Force, Enfield street, was, at Liverpool Quarter Sessions yesterday, sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for stealing £2 in notes from a wallet belonging to William Riley, a dirt track rider and tobacconist, of Kensington, Liverpool. Twamley was found not guilty on two other charges of theft

It was alleged that Twamley, who pleaded not guilty, took the notes from Riley's pocket in the kitchen. An electrical device used by Riley to detect the theft was demonstrated in Court. When the wallet was taken from a coat hanging by the side of the Recorder's desk two electric bulbs were lit.

Riley said that when the bulbs, which he hung outside his bedroom, were lighted, he hurried downstairs, and found Twamley in the kitchen. Two ten shilling and a £1 note had disappeared from the wallet. Twamley went out of the kitchen into a wash-house where there was a boiler fire, and the prosecution alleged that he destroyed the notes there.

# THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The Senate of the National University met yesterday, Mr. Eamon de Valera, Chancellor of the University, in the chair.

The reports of the examiners upon the December examinations, 1930, were considered, and passes, honours, etc., were awarded in connection therewith.

Mr. Thomas Walsh, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., Professor of Pathology in University College, Galway, was appointed to represent the University at the annual conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, to be held at Margate in June, 1931.

The Rev. Aubrey O. Gwynn, S.J., Lecturer in Ancient History in University College, Dublin, was appointed to represent the University at the Anglo-American Conference of Historians to be held in London in July, 1931.

A letter was read from the President of Fordham University, New York, returning thanks to the University for the appointment of Mrs. Mary Colum, M.A., as delegate at the inauguration of the Rev. Aloysius J. Hogan, S.J., Ph.D., as President of Fordham University in November, 1930.

# RAILWAYS AND ROADS.

## NEW TRANSPORT PROPOSALS.

## SWEEPING CHANGES RECOMMENDED.

Far-reaching changes in road, railway and tramway transport in Great Britain are recommended in the final report of the Royal Commission on Transport, which was issued in London yesterday.

As regards railways, it is recommended that companies should be obliged by law to provide a seat for every passenger joining a main line train at its starting point. Instead of competing with road services, the railways should spend money by electrifying suburban services. Fares should be cheapened and services speeded up.

No more tramways, the report says, should be built. They should gradually disappear, being an obsolete form of transport, causing congestion and danger.

Of the Road Fund it says that the existing payments should be reversed. Motorists should pay two-thirds (£40,000,000) and ratepayers one-third (£20,000,000), and there should be no more raids on the Fund.

### SPEEDING OF THE RAILWAYS.

The report proceeds:—"If the railways desire to prevent further losses in passenger traffic, their schedules should be thoroughly overhauled, and the whole of the services should be speeded up and made more convenient to the travelling public. Special fares for excursions, etc., are too often hedged about with special conditions. The public objects to irritating conditions."

With regard to railways and road transport, the Commission state that the chief method adopted by the railway companies to protect themselves against road competition appeared to be to "get on the road" themselves. So far as this made for co-ordination, the Commission welcomed it, but expressed a feeling of doubt "whether it is wise for the companies to expend large capital sums for the purpose of establishing services which may be in direct competition with their business as railways. We feel that possibly such capital would be better applied to the electrification of their suburban lines.

On the question of electrification the Commission state:—"We believe that it would be greatly to the interests of the railway companies and at the same time tend to the great convenience of the public, if all suburban services were electrified, not merely in the London area, but in every district where there is intensive suburban passenger traffic."

### THE BURDEN OF THE ROADS.

On the question of highways, the Commission state:—"We consider that the ratepayers are bearing too great a proportion and that their burden in respect of roads is becoming intolerable. It is our unanimous opinion that unless that unless some relief is given, the improvement of the highways, which is so necessary, will be greatly retarded.

"We recommend that no proceeds of taxation, including the petrol tax, on mechanically-propelled vehicles used on the roads should be diverted from the Road Fund, if such diversion involves a reduction of the amount contributed in respect of these vehicles to a proportion less than two-thirds of the total annual cost of he highway system."

It is recommended that the normal rates of grants made from the Road Fund should be increased to 75 per cent. in the case of Class I, and 65 per cent. in the case of Class II. roads. One-third of the duty paid in respect of private cars and motor cycles is retained by the Exchener for general revenue purposes. "The argument that the amount so diverted is in the nature of a luxury tax is in our opinion indfensible. In these days of modern civilisation the motor is an essential to many."

### CANALS NOT OBSOLETE.

The Commission do not agree with the sweeping statements that canals are an obsolete form of transport, that there is no place for them in the national system, and that money spent on their development would be wasted.

"We are of the opinion that certain canals still possess considerable value as a means of transport, and that, properly rationalised and developed, they can be made to render much useful service to the community in the future."

With regard to docks and harbours, the Commission consider that the best kind of authority is a public trust, but they are not at all certain that railway-owned docks and harbours should be transferred from their present ownership.

### CO-ORDINATION OF TRANSPORT.

Discussing the question of co-ordination of transport, the Commission state: "We have given the most serious and anxious thought to the whole question, taking into account not merely the roads, but all the other means of transport. We confess that for the present we con see no positive solution.

"Under existing circumstances any attempt at compulsion or coercion would, we believe, be a great mistake, and would be strongly objected to, not only by the transport agencies, but also by the traders, and any such attempt would probably prove to be quite ineffective in practice. We think, however, that the measures which we have already recommended for the improvement of the various forms of transport will go far to make their co-ordinated working more easy to accomplish in the future."

# THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

## CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S DEFENCE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*NANKING, Thursday.*

In a statement regarding the Geneva Conference for the Suppression of the Opium Traffic, in which it has manifested considerable interest, the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs says that during the past two years China has been making great efforts to suppress the traffic, and many new regulations have been promulgated, the effect of which is most encouraging. Arrangements have also been made to control the national trade in opium.

### THE IMPORTATION OF NARCOTICS.

The importation and sale of narcotic drugs will be undertaken by a national agency, which is now being formed by the Ministry of the Interior. The amount of narcotics to be imported will be determined annually by the State Council. Pharmacies will be designated as agencies for the distribution of drugs, and the port of entry will be limited to Shanghai.

Unfortunately, says the Chinese Foreign Ministry, illicit traffic still prevails, and is carried on largely by foreigners.

### CO-OPERATION DESIRED.

The statement adds:—"The Colonial Governments of the Straits Settlements the Malay States, Hong Kong, the Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China, Macao and Formosa have adopted the Government opium monopoly policy. The greater portion of the revenue is necessarily derived from Chinese residents, and the Chinese Government is helpless to relieve them.

"Therefore it is most difficult for China to succeed in the task of opium suppression until the interested Powers are prepared to make a real sacrifice, and to co-operate with China in the fullest measure."

# DIED ON WEDDING DAY.

A seventy-year-old widower, Captain Babb, who married a seventy-year-old widow, Mrs. Marion Foster, at Bristol Register Office yesterday, collapsed last night while sitting in his new home with his wife and friends, and died shortly afterwards.

Dr. L. Gavin, Resident Medical Superintendent, in his annual report, which was read at the meeting of the Mullingar Mental Hospital yesterday, Mr. P. Dooner presiding, states that the institution was still very much overcrowded. As the matter was a grave menace to the health of the community, he strongly urged that some scheme be considered to relieve the congestion. The report was ordered to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

NATIONAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.

The majority of appointments at last 4 Exams. were gained by ROSSE COLLEGE, Stephen's Gn. Principal—A. Sparkhall Brown, B.Sc. (Lond.).
—(Advt.)

# FICTION OUTDONE BY FACT.

## BODY OF MURDERED GIRL VANISHES.

## POLICEMAN WHO OWNS A PRIVATE STILL.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*WASHINGTON, Thursday.*

A great sensation has been caused here by a mysterious murder of a beautiful girl, followed by the disappearance of the corpse and the arrest of a policeman on suspicion of having been concerned in the murder.

The case has led to a number of allegations against the Washington police, who are accused of bootlegging and covering up one another's misdeeds.

Searching inquiry into the capital's "underworld" has been set in motion by the murder of a nineteen years old divorcée, Beaulah Limerick. She was found dead in bed, apparently from natural causes, but the undertaker who was preparing her body for burial found that she had been murdered, and that a bullet wound in her skull had been concealed by a plug of hair after all bloodstains had been carefully washed away. No sooner had he reported the murder than the body was spirited away from his premises.

The inquiry into this murder has led to the arrest of a policeman who usually patrolled the beat around the girl's home. It was found that he rented a sumptuous house, which contained, in addition to a fully-equipped distillery, an extensive arsenal of rifles and revolvers

The whole of Washington society has been aroused by these scandals, and it is understood that the President himself has issued a strict order to Major-General Crosby, the Chief of the Washington police, to sift the matter to the bottom. There have been a number of mysterious deaths in Washington in recent years, many of which were afterwards described by the police as cases of suicide.

Stirred by these revelations, Senator Blease, of South Carolina, said to-day:—"Doubtless, the police call Miss Limerick's murder suicide, too. It may be that if the daughter of some member of the Cabinet is murdered we shall get action by the police, but not before. But you cannot expect anything from the police force when one of its heads has had to change his name because of his past."

The Senator declared that he was referring to an inspector who had shot and killed a man in a gambling house which he owned in Virginia and who had since changed his name.

# ARMED MEN ROB STAGE "STARS."

## KIDNAPPED AFTER LEAVING THEATRE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*NEW YORK, Thursday.*

Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin, the second wife of Charlie Chaplin, and Georges Carpentier have informed the police that they were kidnapped outside a theatre in the Bronx section of the city last night, driven for more than a mile, and robbed. Mrs. Chaplin says that she lost seventeen thousand dollars worth of jewellery, and that the kidnappers got away in her motor car.

The couple explained that they were held up as they were stepping into Mrs. Chaplin's car, after having completed an appearance at the theatre. Both were "covered" by revolvers during the ride.

Georges Carpentier had six pounds in his possession at the time, but this money was not taken. The former boxing champion was most embarrassed when the reporters asked him why he had not shot out with his right and left, and routed the bandits in the best "movie" style.

The police were at first inclined to regard the whole affair as a publicity "stunt," but Commissioner Mulrooney informed Reuter's Correspondent that the authorities are now convinced that it was a genuine robbery, and are making a search all over the city for the robbers.

Mrs. Chaplin has been prostrated by the shock, and has been unable to leave her bed.

# EMPIRE INTERCOURSE

## NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*LONDON (ONT.) Thursday.*

Mr. Ferguson, the former Premier, attending his last public function before sailing for England to assume his duties as High Commissioner for Canada, to-day addressed an audience of 1,500 of his political supporters gathered from all parts of the Province at a banquet in his honour.

Mr. Ferguson said:—"I am going to do whatever I can do to promote intercourse between the Mother Country and the Dominion and between Canada and the other Dominions of the Empire. We have fought and sacrificed in war-time, and we should do it now in these strenuous and difficult times of peace."

A striking incident this evening was a five minutes' address by little Dorothy Taylor, aged six, who presented flowers to Mrs Ferguson, and then recited a tribute to the work of Mr. Ferguson as Minister of Education.

Her address was clearly heard throughout the hall, and there was much admiration for her distinct enunciation of such a passage as "the special interest you have shown in child-life and in the education of the children of Ontario, while sub-normal and under-privileged children have all received your special attention."

# RUSSIAN FIVE YEARS' PLAN.

## LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*MOSCOW, Thursday.*

The official Tass Agency states that the loan floated in the autumn with the object of raising eight hundred million roubles in order to carry out the five years' plan in four years, had been over-subscribed on January 1st by fourteen million roubles.

# OBITUARY.

## MR. WALTER C. MILLS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Walter C. Mills, who was at one time artist to the *Weekly Irish Times*. Mr. Mills had attained the age of 83 years. Over a quarter of a century ago his work as political cartoonist for *The Freeman's Journal* was known all over Ireland. At a later date he was artist, along with his son, the late Mr. Charles A. Mills, A.R.H.A., to *The Irish Independent*. He illustrated many books and exhibited paintings at the Royal Hibernian Academy, notably in 1881. Mr. Mills was for many years correpondng artist to *The Graphic* and *The Daily Graphic* during W. L. Thompson's ownership. Mr. Mills, whose name brings to memory a noteworthy period in the history of Irish art, came from Enniskillen to Dublin when a youth. He was a fellow-student of the late Alfred Grey, R.H.A. In his early twenties Walter Mills married Alfred Grey's sister, the daughter of Charles Grey, R.H.A. Mills was very proud that his son, Charles, followed and outstepped him in his profession. His proudest day was when, having casually shown W. L. Thompson eight coloured sketches by Charles, illustrating "The Compleat Angler," *The Graphic* published them as a special supplement. Mills did many sketches for *The Graphic* of King Edward's visit to Ireland in 1903. One full page sketch showed the King entering a humble Dublin home. Beneath it was printed:—"One incident of the King's visit to Dublin will be long remembered, and that was his visit to the artisan's homes in the new Corporation Buildings, Bride street. His Majesty, who was in morning dress, wore a green tie with a shamrock pin. The enthusiasm of the people of the district knew no bounds."

Mr. Mills was illustrating books up to a couple of years ago. He leaves three daughters; Mrs. Muggoe, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Albert Pellissier, and one son, Mr. Walter Mills.

# U.S. MARKETS.

## CLOSE FIRM.

## UTILITY ISSUES WELL SUPPORTED.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

*NEW YORK, Thursday.*

Despite accumulating evidence of a moderate expansion in Industrial activity, many commission houses advised caution. Following an irregular opening, the market was inclined to sag, but pivotal issues were well supported, and news of an agreement with Central European sugar producers regarding stabilisation brought a sharp upturn in long depressed sugar issues, and this favourably affected the remainder of the list. Trading meanwhile was very dull, the market generally appearing to lack leadership. Moreover, after the recent sustained advance professionals felt that a technical reaction might be in order, but bears were very cautious.

International silver was strong in response to gossip over plans to solve foreign monetary problems, but non-ferrous metals generally were undecided, owing to easiness in lead, while some copper was reported to have been sold at 10¼ cents. Call money was superabundant at 1½ per cent, and was offered outside as low as 1 per cent. Buying increased in the final dealings, and the closing was firm.

Delaware Lackawanna soared 16 points, International Silver gained 5, and American Telephone and Telegraph, Bethlehem Steel, Vanadium Corporation, Columbia Gas, New York Consol Gas, U.S. Steel, American and Foreign Power, Standard Gas, Great Western Sugar, South Porto Rica Sugar, American Waterworks, Gillette Safety Razor, International Telephone, Republic Iron and Steel, and Western Union Telegraph made advances of from 1 to 3 points.

Government Bonds steady; Railroad Bonds steady. The day's sales totalled 1,700,000 shares. Money on call easy at 1½ per cent. bid and 1¾ per cent. asked. All business during the day was done at 1¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady. Silver 1¼c. lower at 28¾.

### MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

| Eng. equiv. | Stocks and Shares | Ins'g prices Thur | Wed. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 5/16 | Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd. | 11 | 11 |
| 1/4 | Asbestos Corporation, Ltd. | 1/4 | 1/4 |
| 1 | Do. Preferred | 1 | 1 |
| 2 9/16 | Brit Columbia Packers, Ltd | 2½ | 2½ |
| 24¼ | Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd. | 22⅝ | 22½ |
| 34¼ | Brit. Columbia P. Corp., Ltd. A | 33¼ | 33 |
| 11 5/16 | Do Do B | 11½ | 11⅝ |
| 1 5/16 | Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd. | 1¼ | 1¼ |
| 20 1/16 | Do 1st Pref., Series B | 20 | 19½ |
| 143 | Calgary Power Co., Ltd. | 145 | 150 |
| 19 | Canadian Car Common | 18⅜ | 18 |
| 75 1/16 | Do Preferred | 24½ | 24¼ |
| 12 9/16 | Canada Cement Co., Ltd. | 12½ | 12½ |
| 94 5/16 | Do Preferred | 92 | 92½ |
| 51½ | Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd. | 50 | 50 |
| 3 7/16 | Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co. A | 3½ | 3⅝ |
| 2 7/16 | Do. Do. B | 2⅝ | 2⅝ |
| 4⅜ | Canada Power & Paper Corp. | 4⅞ | 4⅞ |
| 5 5/16 | Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd | 5 | 5 |
| 16 | Do Preferred | 17½ | 15 |
| 140 1/16 | Con Mining & Smelting Co of Canada, Ltd | 145 | 145 |
| 82¼ | Dominion Textile Co., Ltd. | 80 | 80¾ |
| 2 1/16 | Fraser Companies, Ltd., Com. | 2 | 2 |
| 6 5/16 | Hollinger Con. Gold Mines | 6¼ | 6¼ |
| 16 5/16 | Inter Nickel of Canada, Ltd. | 13⅝ | 13⅞ |
| 9⅞ | Massey Harris Common | 9¼ | 9⅛ |
| 57 1/16 | Montreal L. H. & P. Consd. | 55⅞ | 56 |
| 28½ | National Breweries, Ltd. | 27¼ | 27 |
| 35 1/16 | National Steel Car Corp., Ltd. | 34½ | 34½ |
| 41⅛ | Port Alfred P. & P. Corp. Pfd. | 40 | 40 |
| 53 1/16 | Power Corp of Canada, Ltd. | 51¾ | 51½ |
| 41¼ | Quebec Power Co | 40 | 41¼ |
| 38 | St. Lawrence Corporation | 36 | 36 |
| 52 5/16 | Shawinigan Water & Power Co. | 50½ | 50¼ |
| 42½ | Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd. | 41 | 40½ |
| 14⅝ | Winnipeg Electric Co. | 14 | 14 |
| 382 1/16 | Bank of Montreal | 380 | 382½ |
| 235 5/16 | Canadian Bank Commerce | 227 | 230 |
| 783 1/16 | Royal Bank of Canada | 276 | 274 |

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INDUSTRIAL PRICES.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

| Parity. | Stocks. | Thur | We. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 104 15/16 | Air Reduction | 101⅜ | 101½ |
| 178 5/16 | Allied Chemical | 173 | 175⅝ |
| 11 1/16 | American Super Power | 11⅝ | 11⅞ |
| 191 13/16 | American Tel. and Tel. | 186⅝ | 185⅞ |
| 114 5/16 | American Tobacco "B" | 111 | 111 |
| 62 9/16 | American Waterworks | 60¼ | 58⅝ |
| 94¼ | Case Threshing | 91½ | 93¼ |
| 17¼ | Chrysler Corp. | 17¼ | 17 |
| 18 15/16 | Cities Service | 18⅝ | 18⅞ |
| 8⅞ | Columbia Graphophones | 8⅝ | 8¼ |
| 16¼ | Commercial Solvents | 16 | 16⅛ |
| 10 5/16 | Drug Inc. | 65 | 64⅞ |
| 97 1/16 | Du Pont | 89 | 89⅞ |
| 161 9/16 | Eastman Kodak | 158⅛ | 155 |
| 46⅝ | Electric Bond and Share | 46¼ | 44½ |
| 46⅝ | Electric Power and Light | 43 | 44 |
| 28 1/16 | Fox Film | 27⅞ | 28 |
| 28⅝ | Gillette Safety Razor | 25⅝ | 27 |
| 46 5/16 | Goodyear Tyre | 44⅞ | 43⅝ |
| 53 1/16 | International Harvester | 51⅞ | 51⅞ |
| 23⅛ | International Tel and Tel. | 24 | 21¼ |
| 65 1/16 | Johns-Manville | 63½ | 62 |
| 24⅞ | Kennecott Copper | 24⅛ | 24⅜ |
| 22 1/16 | Kreuger and Toll | 22½ | 22⅛ |
| 5 1/16 | Liggett and Myers "B" | 88¼ | 89½ |
| 86⅜ | Lambert Co. | 83½ | 85¾ |
| 77¼ | McKeesport Tin | 75 | 74 |
| 14 9/16 | Mexican Seaboard Oil | 13⅝ | 13¾ |
| 19 5/16 | Montgomery Ward | 18¾ | 18½ |
| 83 1/16 | National Biscuit | 81⅞ | 81 |
| 32 5/16 | National Cash Register | 31⅞ | 31⅞ |
| 42⅛ | National Dairy Products | 40⅞ | 40¼ |
| 36 1/16 | National Power and Light | 35¼ | 34½ |
| 69¼ | North American Company | 67¼ | 67½ |
| 9⅝ | Packard Motors | 9 | 9¼ |
| 43⅜ | Paramount Publix | 42⅜ | 42⅛ |
| 73 1/16 | Public Service of New Jersey | 71½ | 73⅝ |
| 14 9/16 | Radio Corp. of America | 14⅛ | 13⅞ |
| 17⅛ | Radio Keith Orpheum | 17⅛ | 17⅝ |
| 43¼ | Reynolds Tobacco "B" | 42 | 41⅞ |
| 41 5/16 | Royal Dutch | 40 | 40⅝ |
| 52¼ | Sears Roebuck | 50½ | 50¾ |
| 65 13/16 | Standard Gas and Electric | 65 | 63⅝ |
| 51 5/16 | Standard Oil of N.J. | 50¾ | 50½ |
| 61 13/16 | Union Carbide | 60 | 59 |
| 20 1/16 | United Corp. | 19⅛ | 18⅞ |
| 30 5/16 | United Gas Improvement | 29¼ | 29 |
| 56 9/16 | Vanadium Corp. | 55¼ | 54⅛ |
| 17 | Warner Bros Pictures | 16⅛ | 16¼ |
| 99 1/16 | Westinghouse Electric | 93¼ | 92⅛ |
| 10 | Woolworth | 59 | 58¼ |

### NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT easier, ⅞c. to 3c. lower.

| | To-day. | Prev. day. |
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| No. 2 Amber Durum, spot | — | — |

## E POPE.

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ight-ordering, unity and ome.

### E ONLY SOLID BASIS.

finds no excuse for those or true solid love, which onjugal happiness, a cer- ntability of temperament sympathy, and who hold the only bond by which ife are linked together, he marriage is completely

is this," asks the Holy build a house upon sand. d, a house built on rock— , on mutual conjugal engthened by the de- union of spirit, will not away, but will never be nity."

the first two blessings of nely, bringing forth chil- gal faithfulness, to the sing the other two, being crament itself, the Pope ons proving that marriage d not a civil institution. ness of marriage, which is ected with religion and holy, arises from its rom its purpose, which is nd educating of children binding of man and wife Christian love and mutual nally, it arises from the wedlock, the institution of ought for in the far-seeing od, which has made it the mitted life, thus making ministers, as it were, of nipotence."

### MARRIAGES.

Pontiff to speak of mixed high, however, he makes a reference, emphasising in his address to the ristmas—that the Catholic not approve of mixed that, in the occasional she gave a dispensation on circumstances, it was un- Catholic party did not suffer from such a marriage; much more difficult to ystery of the close union and the Church which was man marriage. danger that, where there y of mind as to what was bond of union of mind and broken, or at least weakened that the love of man and cold.

### DIVORCE.

ction with marriage as a His Holiness absolutely divorce may be resorted to of dissolving it, affirming creasing facility of divorce acle to the restoration of o that state of perfection the Divine Redeemer. arguments in favour of he brings "the unalterable 'Those whom God hath let no man put asunder.'" e Council of Trent, which decree of the Church that not be dissolved, even on adultery. ge of the innocent party is dden.

## Y RETURN TO DUBLIN.

### R SAILINGS NOW NORMAL.

break yesterday in the hard ather that had prevailed in er a great part of Ireland for

he city and district was suc- e rain. eather authority told an *Irish* e is the natural result of the lower atmospheric depression tic, the effects of which were stern Seaboard in the last few e were having frost and fog is, however, no sign of any k, and conditions are likely to bly cold, with some return of

oat movements at the North ck to normal yesterday. cargo vessels that arrived had

l services were resumed.

y being 15 points higher, while were unaltered to 5 points down. 5 points rise. The New Orleans s has been closed down. l and barely supported. First inter buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot. sellers.

NAL METAL EXCHANGE. Closing options—February, 26.40; May 26.85. Copper—Standard spot Closing options—March, 9.56; May, 5.

### HICAGO MARKETS.

*CHICAGO, Thursday.*

weather conditions had a depressing effect values generally. Wheat declined fluence of a forecast of beneficial insure, coupled with increased stocks and a bearish Kansas State re- recessions in maize were due to ed cartot receipts at Chicago to- er with larger country offerings and favourable weather for the movement. ables responded to the influence of ress consuming demand and easiness ers. Rye prices ruled lower owing of beneficial moisture in Kansas and th-West interests, while oats values mpathy with easier cash markets and ers.

the opening was steady, with old erally ¼c. lower, while new delivery all ⅛c. down. The tendency at the , old being ⅛c. down to ¼c. up, and r to ⅛c. lower.

| | To-day. | Prev. day |
|---|---|---|
| Inter. spot | — | 78⅞ |
| Inter. spot | — | — |

ng options—

| | Mar. | May | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 80⅝ | 81⅝ | — |
| | 80¼ | 81⅜ | — |

ng options—

| | Mar. | May | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 80⅝ | 81⅞ | — |
| | 80⅜ | 81⅛ | — |

racts.—Opening options—March unchanged; July, 66¼. racts.—Closing options—March, 81; July, 66 to 66¼. s old, contracts being ⅛c. down all new deliveries were ⅛c. to ¼c. cheaper. closed easy, old being generally 1¼c. w 1⅛c. to 1c. lower.

ng options—

| | Mar. | May | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 72 | 73⅞ | — |
| | 71¼ | 72¾ | — |

ng options—

| | Mar. | May | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 71¼ | 72⅝ | — |
| | 72⅛ | 73¼ | — |

rts.—Opening options—March, 72½; uly, 74¼. racts.—Closing options—March, 71½; July, 73¼ ed easy, ⅛c. lower.

ng options

| | Mar. | May |
|---|---|---|
| | 33⅞ | 34⅜ |
| | 34¼ | 24⅝ |

racts.—Closing options—March, 34½; uly, 35½. ed easy. Futures 1½c. to 1¼c. lower. unquoted.

ng options—

| | Mar. | May | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 42 | 42⅝ | — |
| | 43¼ | 44⅛ | — |

racts.—Closing options—March unc. 42½; July, 42½. ONS—Lard at the opening was quiet, ket moved in unison with easiness in cipts was barely steady, futures erally showing 2½ points depreciation. rn steam spot, 8.92½.

ng options—

| Jan | Mar. | May | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8.92½ | 8.97½ | 9.15 | 9 27½ |
| 8.95 | 9.00 | 9 17½ | 9.30 |

rm and unaltered. Short rib spot ge), 11.50. rely steady, light kinds being un- 10 down, while heavy sorts were 5 er. Light-weight, 8 to 8.16, and 7.30 to 7.65.

| | To-day. | Same day last year |
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| stern ... ... | 152,000 | 422,000 |

e message from Buenos Aires states dit at Mendoza has been summarily e authorities under the martial law

# THE FUNERAL OF MARSHAL JOFFRE.

**FUNERAL OF MARSHAL JOFFRE**—The funeral of Marshal Joffre took place on Wednesday at Les Invalides, in Paris, after a Funeral Service at Notre Dame Cathedral. The photographs show La Sorcière, the dead Marshal's charger, marching in front of the cortège. Right: The funeral procession passing over the River Seine after leaving Notre Dame (seen in background). Botton: British Guardsmen in the procession, and (right) British Naval, Army and Air Force representatives.

**SOCIETY WEDDING**—Tudor-style wedding dress was worn by the bride, and a retinue of pages replaced the conventional bridesmaids, at the marriage in London of Miss Nadine Williamson, only daughter of Mrs. Scarisbrook, of Scarisbrook Hall, Lancashire, and Mr. R. P. Freeman-Taylor of the Norfolk Regiment, who are seen leaving the church after the ceremony.

**AMATEUR THEATRICALS**—The cast of "Scrooge," adapted from Dickens's "The Christmas Carol," which was performed by the pupils of Holy Faith Convent, Haddington road, Dublin, yesterday.

**FLIERS IN THE NEWS**—General Balbo, the Italian Air Minister, who has led a flight of Italian flying machines across the Atlantic, and Miss "Bobby" Trout, who, with Miss Edna May Cooper, has beaten the women's air endurance "record" at Los Angeles, California.

**THE KILDARE HUNT BALL**—A group taken at the Kildare Hunt Ball, held on Wednesday night at Straffan House, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Barton.

**AT THE LIMERICK HUNT**—Mrs. Percy Jones, an English visitor (left), photographed at a meeting of the County Limerick Hunt with Lady Dorothie Mason.

## AIRWAYS OF THE FUTURE.

### VAST FIELD IN AFRICA.

### SUGGESTED FLYING-BOAT SERVICES.

A vision of airways linking some of the more remote territories of Empire is raised by the report of a visit paid by Mr. W. A. Campbell, one of the civil aviation officers of the Air Ministry in London, to West Africa.

Nigeria, Gambia, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone—these are names not yet to be found in any guide book to world airways. The great air route soon to be opened through Africa from Cairo to Cape Town lies thousands of miles to the east; the French terminus of the air mail line from Paris and Morocco is, it is true, at Dakar, a small town in French Senegal, only 100 miles from Bathurst in the Gambia, but no air connections yet exist. Aeroplanes are seldom seen in most parts of this vast area. Royal Air Force bombers, which recently traversed Africa from Khartoum to Bathurst, flew many hundreds of miles through virgin air, passing over great tracts, where airmen had never previously ventured.

Yet the region seems destined to draw abounding profit from the establishment of air services. Surface transport, by land or water, is generally slow and tedious.

**FLYING BOATS AND AMPHIBIANS.**

Mr. Campbell considers that certain routes might be placed in immediate operation. Chief of these is a line, operated by flying boats, between Calabar in Nigeria and St. Louis or Dakar in French Senegal. Along this route, measuring 2,300 miles of coast-line, the flying machines would call at Bathurst, Bolama (Portuguese Guinea), Freetown, Monrovia (capital of the negro State Liberia), Grand Bassam (French Ivory Coast), Takoradi, the great port in the Gold Coast, and Lagos. Then inland, up the Niger River, amphibious 'planes might penetrate nearly a thousand miles to a junction at the town of Zinder with the Franco-Belgian airway across the Sahara to Europe. Seaplanes or amphibians might also ply regularly along the Benue, a huge tributary of the Niger, for 125 miles from the confluence, tapping other remote districts.

Good land aerodromes exist in Nigeria and the Gambia, but the immediate future calls for solely water-operated or amphibious aircraft, classes of flying machine in which Britain fairly claims design achievement not surpassed by any other aircraft-producing nation.

**COAST-LINE SERVICE FIRST?**

Recommendations to the Governments of the four British Colonies in the region have followed Mr. Campbell's visit, and problems connected with the establishment of a flying boat service from Calabar to French Senegal are enjoying the close attention of experts and of the Colonial Office.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

### THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

The Prince of Wales, who will declare open on March 14 the British Empire Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires, has arranged to take his own light aeroplane for swift transport in pre-arranged tours over a large part of South America.

The aeroplane has been placed on board the battleship Warspite at Portsmouth for carriage to the Mediterranean, where it will be transferred for the journey to Argentina to the aircraft carrier Eagle, which is detailed to cruise in South American waters at the time of the Prince's visit.

His plans will take him over much of the South American continent, and involve visits within a comparatively brief space of time to many of the principal cities of Chile, Peru, Argentina and Brazil. Various stages of his tour, notably from the Chile-Argentina border to Buenos Aires, and later while visiting friends in the Northern Argentine provinces, will be made by air. These journeys should provide an impressive demonstration of air travel in 1931, and the Prince's enthusiasm for flying is certain to awake much interest among the South American peoples.

**ENTERPRISE IN ARGENTINA.**

Two "Puss Moth" craft, exactly similar in essentials to the Prince's own aeroplane, will be sent to Buenos Aires soon to take part in the British Empire Trade Exhibition. With them will go two standard "Gipsy Moth" biplanes.

One monoplane and one biplane are intended to occupy space on the de Haviland Aircraft Company's stand in the Government pavilion. The other machines are to be sent expressly for demonstration flying at aerodromes near the city, and Mr. H. S. Broad, chief test pilot of the company, may be detailed to fly them before potential purchasers in South America.

This costly and whole-hearted enterprise is evidence of the importance attached by the British aircraft industry to cultivation of the South American market. Leaders of the British industry are convinced that the immense spaces of South America offer almost illimitable possibilities of aerial expansion.

British military aircraft fly in the air services of the chief South American States, while British civil aeroplanes, among other activities, are even now engaged on a big air survey enterprise around Rio de Janeiro. British flying boats were added recently to the equipment of the Argentine Navy, and, to mention only one other service rendered to South American aviation, British aircraft operate regularly in the Bolivian air service from the aerodrome at La Paz, which is located 14,000 feet above sea level.

## ONE FORCED LANDING IN SEVEN YEARS.

One forced landing in seven years is the notable record of the flying school operated at Brough aerodrome, Yorkshire, by the North Sea Aerial and General Transport Limited.

The aircraft employed for flight tuition are Blackburn "Dart" biplanes, similar to machines used by the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Force for several years past in reconnaissance and gunnery spotting work. Each machine is powered with a single Napier "Lion" water-cooled engine of approximately 450 h.p.

Three of the "Lion" motors used by the school have been in service for nearly eight years, but the school engineers confidently expect that these three power units will continue to give good service for some years to come. Altogether, in nearly eight years, the "Lion"-equipped school machines have completed more than half a million miles of strenuous use, involving innumerable and frequent ascents with the engine running at full power.

In eleven months of 1930 the "Dart" training 'planes flew approximately 2,000 hours, covering 180,000 miles without mechanical trouble. Each of the five engines ran 400 hours without overhaul; any experienced motorist will realise at once the degree of trustworthiness implied in that figure.

The one forced landing debited at the school to the "Lion" engines during more than seven years flying was caused by a minor defect in the lubricating system. This failure occurred when the engine had completed 360 hours, running without overhaul, and during the last flight it was scheduled to make before it was taken down again.

**WAR 'PLANES FOR BELGIUM.**

Further tribute to the supremacy of modern British military aircraft is a big order from the Belgian Government for a number of two-seater fighter aeroplanes, intended for re-equipment of air regiments in the Belgian Army.

The contract, confirmed by the Belgian Government, provides for the delivery by the Fairey Aviation Company of "Fox" high speed biplanes, and follows rapidly upon the order placed by Belgium with the same company for 45 "Firefly" single seater fighters.

The aggregate value of the two Belgian orders is considerably more than £300,000.

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## *Subterranean Wexford.*

### *RECENT DISCOVERY*

Running hither and thither under the narrow, old-world streets of Wexford is an intricate series of underground passages that have been walled up and forgotten for many years. They are unknown to most of the town's citizens, and it was only by chance that they were discovered by some members of the Wexford Development Committee following the recent examination of some old manuscripts and maps. Their value from a tourist point of view has been realised, and it is possible that these underground passages will be reopened. A survey of them will, of course, be made to discover their extent and condition.

If the circumstances are favourable, they will be made absolutely safe and electrically lit throughout. Visitors would then be allowed to inspect them, all through the year, on the payment of a small sum. The passages, it is hoped, will add to Wexford's tourist attractions.

**THE MURDER HOLE.**

The passages have important historical significance. For instance, in the main street there is an old house in which Oliver Cromwell slept during his campaign in Ireland. From the room in which he slept there is an underground passage, which has been walled up, but there are no data to show where it leads. In the same house is a centuries'-old "murder hole," that can still be seen. The room in which Cromwell slept is now occupied by Inspector Lambert, of the Civic Guard.

A proper survey of these underground passages would, it is believed, reveal many historical facts relating to the old City of Wexford. The purpose for which they were originally constructed is doubtful, but could readily be ascertained by close examination. It is very likely that they connected up the houses of prominent citizens of olden days, and were used for secret communication, and, perhaps, for safety during attacks on the town. Some of them connected up, it cannot be doubted, with buildings outside the city walls, and, perhaps, many a citizen in the treacherous days of the Middle Ages, made good his escape through one or other of them.

### LADY BIRKENHEAD'S YACHT HELD UP.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

*BARCELONA, Thursday.*

The yacht Zara, with the Countess of Birkenhead and her family on board, has been delayed here for some days owing to cases of measles. Reuter's Correspondent is informed that there is no truth in the suggestion that the yacht is in quarantine. It is hoped to sail for Southampton in about a week.

### THE OLYMPIA THEATRE.

Amongst those who attended the Olympia Theatre, Dublin, last night, to see the pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," were President and Mrs. Cosgrave, Miss Cosgrave, Miss Joan Burke, Mrs. McNeill, wife of the Governor-General; Professor Hayes, Speaker of the Dail; Mr. R. Mulcahy, Minister for Local Government, and Colonel O'Reilly.

### WORLD WITHOUT PATRIOTISM.

At a meeting of the Technical Students' Literary and Debating Society, to be held at the Technical Schools, Parnell square, Dublin, on Saturday night next, at 7.30 o'clock, the motion, "That the world would be a better place to live in if there was no such thing as Patriotism," will be discussed. Mr. G. McLaughlin, B.A., will preside.

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# TWO MEETINGS SUFFER.

## ANOTHER WIN FOR GEORGINATOWN.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.
*LONDON, Thursday Night.*

There will be no racing at either Gatwick or Haydock Park to-morrow, the Stewards at each meeting having decided early to-day to postpone the first day's programmes on account of frost, and abandon Saturday's card.

The Tenby meeting was concluded this afternoon, and I note that the Irish mare, Georginatown, won again. This time she had only a single opponent, Cairbre, whom she beat by thirty lengths.

The entries for the Grand National are published this evening, and they number 85 instead of 81, as forecast, which is actually one more than last year. This in spite of the "revised" conditions. They can be dealt with later on in detail.

GALTEE MORE.

## TENBY RESULTS.

1.0—**GATE HOUSE HURDLE**, 2 m.—SPRINKLE BAY, br. f., by Essexford or King David—Lacquer, 4, 10-9 (W. Speck) (3/4 on, tvle.), 1; VIVACIOUS, 4, 11-0 (W. Parvin) (9/4), 2; PASSING CLOUD, a, 10-11 (Owner) (4/1), 3. Also ran—Betty Dhu, Misdirection, Dee-Side. (Trained D. Harrison.) 10 l.; same. **Tote** (2/- stake)—Win, 4/-.

1.30—**PARK HOUSE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE**, 2 m.—EASTER BOY II., b. g., by Hercianeum—Easter Day, a, 11-3 (Mr. R. More) (evens, tvle.), 1; LEWIS GUN, 5, 11-3 (G. Wilson) (5/4), 2. Also ran—Betting Tax. (Trained Roberts.) 20 l.; two finished. **Tote** (2/- stake)—Win, 3/-. Bought in 85 gns.

2.0—**LICENSED VICTUALLERS' SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE**, 3 m.—PECCADILLO, b. g., by Friar Marcus—Morningava, a, 10-0 (Major H. Miss) (8/1), 1; EEL POINT, 5, 11-0 (W. Speck) (3/4, tvle.), 2; DREAM OF FORTUNE, 6, 10-5 (D. Williams) (6/4), 3. Also ran—Jack XIII, Sonny Fitz. (Trained Ainsworth.) 5 l.; 8 l.. **Tote** (2/- stake)—Win, 19/3. No bid.

2.30—**TOWN HANDICAP CHASE**, 3 m.—GEORGINATOWN, b. m., by Kroonstad—Georgina Mac, a, 12-7 (F. Maxwell) (5/1 on, tvle.), 1; CAIRBRE, a, 9-9 (Mr. Waiwyn), 2. (Trained Owner.) 30 l. **Tote** (2/- stake)—Win, 2/9.

3.10—**UNITED COUNTIES FARMERS' AND TRADESMEN'S HURDLE**, 2 m.—SPLENDID, b. m., by Earla Mor—Splendare, a, 12-12 (Mr. Hughes) (4 on, tvle.), 1; PHOEBE III., a, 12-2 (Owner) (6/1), 2; EARLY DAWN, 6, 12-2 (Mr. W. Lewis) (7/2), 3. Also ran—Lady C, Erse, Watchman II., Skip On, Possession (entered as Sunbeam). (Trained privately.) 31 l.; same. **Tote** (2/- stake)—Win, 4/-.

**TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.**—There were no successful winning double backers. The pool amounted to £5, and twelve tickets which each included one winner were each paid 11/-. The Tote was, therefore, 12/- out of pocket over the double transaction.

## NO RACING TO-DAY.

### GATWICK AND HAYDOCK POSTPONED.

There will be a further stoppage of racing to-day, as, owing to frost, the programmes arranged for Gatwick and Haydock Park have had to be postponed until Saturday and the second day's cards abandoned.

Although the frost at Gatwick was not so severe yesterday as it was on Wednesday the ground was found to be very hard, and when the Stewards inspected the track at noon they decided that racing would not be practicable there to-day.

For some days past there has been fog in the Haydock Park district, and, although this lifted yesterday morning, the frost had got a fair hold on the ground, particularly in the exposed places. The Stewards, after an inspection of the track, found that it would not be possible to make a start with the meeting as arranged.

Eleven days' racing have now been lost since the season opened.

## SPORTING GOSSIP

**Racehorse for Trinidad.**

A three-year-old Irish filly, Tagger, by Tagrag out of Sil, has been sold to a Trinidad owner by Mr. H. McAlinden. The filly will leave Liverpool on Saturday for Barbados. Last season Tagger showed very useful form in Ireland without, however, catching the judge's eye.

**Prosperous Nottingham Races.**

The annual report of the Nottingham and Colwick Park Racecourse Company states that the balance brought forward from last year was £12,796 7s. 8d. The net profit for 1930 was £3,864 6s. 10d. The directors have recommended a dividend of five per cent., free of income tax, and to carry forward to next year's account £13,862 9s. 1d.

### GOFF'S BLOODSTOCK SALE.

In addition to many other important lots to be submitted for auction by Messrs. Goff and Co. at the Repository, 60 Lower Mount street, Dublin, on Thursday next, are the studs of Mr. V. Morton Jackson and of the late Mrs. Morton Jackson, comprising brood mares, yearlings and horses in training.

### OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Gerard Handicap Steeplechase, Haydock Park—Curtain Raiser.
Gatwick engagements—Nursemaid.
Hurst Park engagements—Rocky Cape.
Forty-Fourth Gosforth Park Biennial Stakes, Newcastle—Kayo.
All engagements under the Rules of Racing—Buckyn.
All engagements—Oliver's Mount (dead), Barbara Joan.

### CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

*THE CURRAGH, Thursday.*

A fine morning. There was a slight fog, and frost still interfered with operations.

BEHAN'S Gomar, May Turn and Amor Vincit cantered five furlongs in the long grass; Knight of the Mist, Sea Serpent, Ballintoy, Order Mark, Ballyhalbert and the two-year-olds had bouts of healthy exercise in the vicinity of home stables.

BRABAZON'S two-year-olds cantered four furlongs.

COLLINS'S two-year-olds cantered the same distance.

FETHERSTONHAUGH'S Silver Threads and Eagle's Pet covered a mile and a half steadily on the plough; others had easy cantering exercise.

HARTIGAN'S Sanflers, Ananias, Lady Frivol, Kilcash Hill, Limousine, T.D., and the two-year-olds were usefully employed.

DAWSON'S and HUNTER'S teams later in the day had healthy exercise.

PARKINSON'S Sack, Pensionary, Fanny's Find, Royal Gunner, River Thames covered a good mile on the plough. The two-year-olds, in batches, cantered five furlongs.

ROGERS'S Cap-a-Pie II. and Nice Token went a mile and a half steadily on the plough. The rest of the Crotanstown House team had healthy exercise.

SLOCOCK'S Brighter Bird and Captured Late went a mile at a nice pace; Lista, Happy Memories, and Vanished Glory cantered five furlongs; Lucy of Rheims, and the two-year-olds cantered four furlongs.

WELLESLEY'S Prince of Iveagh and Minimus had a steady mile and a half gallop; Cornstack, White Kate, and the rest of the Friarstown House team cantered five furlongs.

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*LAWN TENNIS.*

## BRITISH TEAM'S INDIAN TOUR.

The British International Club team, under the captaincy of A. Wallis Myers, began a four days' series of matches at Delhi yesterday. Four singles were played, of which the British players won two. Andrews, who won his first set easily, and led by 4-2 in the second of his match with Shamsher Singh, looked to have the game easily in hand, but Shamsher Singh rallied splendidly, to win the set at 8-6. Andrews' superior class told in the final set, however.

Abad Hussain won his match with C. J. by accuracy and steady play. Olliff played well, but was weak overhead. Austin and Hughes easily won their matches in straight sets.

Singles—E. D. Andrews beat Shamsher Singh, 6-2, 6-8, 6-3; Abad Hussain beat J. S. Olliff, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; H. W. Austin beat E. V. Bobb, 6-1, 6-3; G. F. Hughes beat M. D. Horn, 6-2, 6-2.

*THE GRAND NATIONAL.*

# SEVEN FROM IRELAND.

## CLASS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE 85 ENTRIES.

THE Grand National, which closed on Tuesday, has attracted an entry of 85, one more than last year, and, although it falls a lot short of the record total of two years ago, the class of horse entered is well up to the average.

**THE IRISH ENTRANTS.**

Seven Irish trained horses appear in the list of nominations—namely, East Galway, Coronher, Prince of Iveagh, Georginatown, Cold Punch, Stash and Culnagor. Not for many years has such a formidable challenge been thrown from this country. East Galway, though he won two Galway Plates and finished second in that race to Guiding Light in 1929, has yet to prove himself an Aintree horse; he fell when taking part in the Becher Steeplechase last November.

A more likely horse for the course is Coronher, who finished third in the Grand Sefton Steeplechase at the same meeting, beaten a head and four lengths by Tamasha and Drin, and subsequently was placed second on the disqualification of Tamasha for bumping. Mr. E. L. Lloyd's horse is now eight years old, and his most notable win was in the Claremont Steeplechase at Baldoyle

**Cold Punch, an Irish-trained entrant for the Grand National.**

October meeting when, carrying 12st. 7lbs., he beat, amongst others, Sea Fisher, to whom he was conceding 23lbs., and as recently as the last Baldoyle New Year's Day meeting he put up another fine performance when, conceding 2st. 4lb. to Prince of Iveagh, he finished second to Mrs. Kennedy's horse

Good judges have held the opinion for some time back that Prince of Iveagh was a horse of considerable promise, and, certainly, he won this race with great ease. It is highly improbable that he will meet Coronher on anything like such favourable terms in the Aintree race, for which both are qualified to run by virtue of their placings in the Baldoyle race alone.

Cold Punch is another horse who has struck his best form this season, as his easy win in the Tower Plate at Leopardstown on St. Stephen's Day showed. He was then in receipt of 12lb. from Culnagor, and beat the latter by fifteen lengths, while Culnagor at Baldoyle put up a great race when failing by a neck to concede 2st. 12lb. to Devil's Bit. Both these races were over a distance of two miles, which is a different proposition altogether to the Aintree test.

**GEORGINATOWN.**

It will be interesting to see how Mr. Topham, the handicapper, estimates the chance of Georginatown and how she fares in the race. She has won fourteen steeplechases and one flat race in her last seventeen attempts, and has made such improvements that she may be capable of anything. Her wins include the Valentine (Amateur Riders) Steeplechase at Aintree.

Stash, the only other Irish trained horse in the race, at one time promised to make a big name for himself, but has been a disappointing horse on the whole.

Of course, last year's winner, Shaun Goilin, is entered, and in spite of the fact that he is sure to be given more than the 11-7, which he carried successfully last March, he is already one of the favourites for the race. Almost as much support, however, has been forthcoming for his stable companion, Kakushin, who has not yet contested a Grand National, but who has given indications of his ability to negotiate the Aintree fences, having won the Champion Chase there last March and the Becher Chase in November.

The Wantage trainer, Jack Anthony, who has had so much experience as a steeplechase rider, is represented again by Easter Hero and Sir Lindsay. Unfortunately, Easter Hero went lame last year after his fluent victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, and he was unable to run at Aintree, but Sir Lindsay, who deputised for him, managed to finish third, and there seems no doubt that, with ordinary luck, they will both have to be reckoned with by the best of the opposition.

**EASTER HERO.**

Easter Hero has so far not had the best of luck in the race. Three years ago he landed on top of the fence at the Canal turn, and in 1929, after having been backed down to favouritism, he spread a plate, and was relegated to second place by Gregalach.

One of the most interesting entries is the Hungarian gelding Gyi Lovam, owned by Captain R. Popler, an officer in the Czecho-Slovakian Army. This gelding will be trained for the race by Stanley Harrison at Bangor-on-Dee, and, as he has had good winning form in his own country, he may show to better advantage than many of the home division. All being well, he will be ridden at Aintree by his owner. He has not yet arrived in England, but is due at Bangor during the present month.

Gregalach, who won the Grand National two years ago, but had the misfortune to fall at the first open ditch last March, is again nominated. He is now in his prime, and is considered to be one of the best-staying chasers in the country, **but the candidate with the most consistent "National" record is the Northern mare, Melferay's Bolle. In 1929 she finished fourth to Gregalach, Easter Hero and Richmond II., and last year she did even better, and was leading a hundred yards from home. She was caught by Shaun Goilin in the run-in, however, but it was only by the narrow margin of a neck that she lost a great race.**

She is so consistent and genuine that it will be surprising if she fails to play a prominent part in the finish this year.

Percy Woodland will, no doubt, be keenly interested in Drin and Gib, two candidates with very promising credentials. Neither has yet contested a Grand National, but Gib won the Troytown Steeplechase and the Cranford Steeplechase last year, and Drin showed stamina, excellent fencing ability and a partiality for the Aintree course by winning the Grand Sefton Steeplechase last November.

**LEADER'S STRONG HAND.**

The Newmarket trainer, Mr. Ted Leader, who as a jockey won the race in 1927 on Sprig, is represented by Swift Rowland, Sandy Hook, Bright's Boy and Mount Etna. The last-named did not compete last year, but fell in 1929. Bright's Boy finished third in 1927, but failed to finish in the two following years and stood down last March. Sandy Hook fell in 1929, and was brought down last March. Swift Rowland has not yet contested a National.

Grackle, Tom Coulthwaite's charge, is also one who calls for comment. He was second favourite for the race four years ago and was brought down. A similar fate befell him the following year, but in 1929 he finished sixth, and gave so much promise that last year he was made favourite. Unfortunately, he fell, but he is expected to do better this year.

Ballyhanwood, who finished fifth in last year's race, and Royal Arch II., who was sixth after having been hampered, can be expected to get safely round again, and there are excellent possibilities also about D.D.B., who missed the race last year, but finished seventh two years ago.

Already there has been a fair measure of support for George Poole's charge, Richmond II. This gelding is only now approaching his prime, and is eight years old.

**RICHMOND II.**

He contested the National as a six-year-old, and, after being with the leaders throughout, he was hampered at a critical stage of the race, when Sandy Hook fell at the fence after Valentine's the second time round. In spite of this he finished third, and as he was not saddled for the race last year as he was not saddled for the race last year as he is likely to come out fresh and well for the big test next March. He has not been seen on a racecourse since his Grand National appearance on March 22nd two years ago.

Lord Stalbridge's Trump Card is again entered. He fell in 1927, but was backed down to second favouritism the following year, but was so far behind the rest of the field that he was pulled up. He fell again in 1929, and was not asked for an effort last March. He is now in his fourteenth year, and it will be remarkable if he shows improvement here on his previous performances.

**HOW THEY HAVE FARED.**

Thirty-two of the 85 entries have competed in the event during the past four years, and, as Grand National form is a law to itself, a reproduction of their previous performances is tabulated:—

| Horse | 1930. | 1929. | 1928. | 1927. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alike | fell. | — | bkd. | bkd. |
| Amberwave | — | — | — | — |
| Annandale | 0 | — | — | — |
| Ballyhanwood | 8th | 0 | — | — |
| Best Home | — | 0 | — | — |
| Bright's Boy | — | 0 | 0 | 3rd |
| Cryptical | 0 | — | — | — |
| D.D.B. | — | 7th | — | — |
| Delarue | fell. | b.d. | 8th | 0 |
| Drimond | — | 0 | — | 4th |
| Easter Hero | — | 2nd | fell | — |
| Gate Book | fell. | — | — | — |
| Glangesia | 4th | — | — | — |
| Grackle | fell | 6th | b.d. | b.d. |
| Great Span | — | p.u. | fell | — |
| Gregalach | fell | won | — | — |
| Guiding Light | fell | — | — | — |
| Harewood | — | fell | — | — |
| Kilbrain | — | fell | — | — |
| Lordi | — | fell | — | — |
| May King | fell | 5th | fell | — |
| Melleray's Belle | — | 2nd | 4th | p.u. |
| Mount Etna | — | fell | — | — |
| Richmond II. | — | 3rd | — | — |
| Royal Arch II. | 6th | — | — | — |
| Rudgman | fell | fell | fell | 0 |
| Sandy Hook | b.d. | fell | — | — |
| Shaun Goilin | won | — | — | — |
| Sir Lindsay | 3rd | — | — | — |
| Skrun Prince | — | fell | — | — |
| Toy Bell | 0 | 0 | — | — |
| Trump Card | — | fell | p.u. | fell |

In the above table bkd. signifies baulked; 0, did not finish; p.u., pulled up; b.d., brought down; —, did not compete.

**HORSES TO QUALIFY.**

Out of the 85 entries at least five have yet to qualify, these being Balius, Florin II., Oberstown Prince, Render and Solanum. Horses from abroad about which there are doubts as to whether they have qualified under the conditions are Aulnay, Bangle II. and Image. Gyi Lovam is said to have won a four miles 'chase in his own country.

## GRAND NATIONAL.

**GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE** (handicap) of £10 each, £50 extra if left in after January 27, with an additional £40 if left in after March 17, with £5,000 (including a trophy value £200) added. Second to receive £800, third £500, and fourth £200 from the stakes. For six years old and upwards which by March 17, 1931, have been placed first, second or third (by the judge) in a steeplechase of three miles or upwards, or the equivalent in foreign distances, or in a steeplechase of any distance at Aintree, Liverpool, or have won any steeplechase value £500 to the winner (selling races in every case excepted). Weights published January 22, at noon. The highest weight not more than 12st. 7lb., and the lowest weight not less than 10st. 7lb. Grand National Course (about four miles and 856 yards).

The trainer of the winner will receive a Cup value £50, and the rider of the winner a Cup value £25.

**(Run at Liverpool, Friday, March 27. 85 subs.)**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stash | a | Colliery Band | a |
| Georginatown | a | Alike | a |
| Cold Punch | a | Glangesia | a |
| Culnagor | a | D.D.B. | a |
| Coronher | a | Balius | a |
| East Galway | a | Gold Flare | a |
| Grakle | a | Swift Rowland | a |
| Cherry Duck | a | Sandy Hook | a |
| Kilbuck | a | Bright's Boy | a |
| Gyi Lovam | a | Mount Etna | a |
| Tamasha | a | Ballasport | a |
| Best Home | a | Favourite Star | a |
| Oberstown Prince | a | Harewood | a |
| Easter Hero | a | Morefarm | a |
| Sir Lindsay | a | Big Black Boy | a |
| Aspirant | a | Rhyticere | a |
| Apostasy | a | Royal Arch II. | a |
| Gregalach | a | Rangifer Arda | a |
| Drin | a | Trump Card | a |
| Gib | a | Easy Virtue | a |
| May King | a | Far Flight | a |
| Bayview | a | Drintyre | a |
| Kilbrain | a | Lady Victoria | a |
| Delarue | a | Ruddyman | a |
| Florin II. | a | Toy Bell | a |
| Kingsdown | a | Kakushin | a |
| Star Box | a | Amberwave | a |
| Lordi | a | Heartburn | a |
| Shaun Goilin | a | Richmond II. | a |
| Image | a | Castlederg | a |
| Mallard | a | Slieve Grien | a |
| Quite Calm | a | Guiding Light | a |
| Young Prince | a | Arantius | a |
| Skrun Prince | a | Great Span | a |
| South Hill | a | Ballyhanwood | a |
| Gate Book | a | Endwell | a |
| Annandale | a | Prince of Iveagh | a |
| Drimond | a | Pixie | 6 |
| Oxclose | a | Theras | 6 |
| Cryptical | a | Melleray's Belle | 6 |
| Melleray's Belle | a | Clinker | 6 |
| Fear Nothing | a | Render | 6 |

## LANCASHIRE 'CHASE.

**LANCASHIRE STEEPLECHASE** (handicap) of 2,000 sovs. (1,750 sovs. to the winner, 150 sovs. to the second, and 100 sovs. to the third).

**(Run at Manchester, Monday, April 6. 3½ m. 52 subs.)**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kilbrain | a | Treble Applause | a |
| Sir Lindsay | a | Gate Book | a |
| Knight of the Galtees | a | Royal Spear | a |
| Aspirant | a | Cherry Duck | a |
| Drin | a | Apostasy | a |
| Donegal | a | Patron Saint | a |
| Gib | a | Alike | a |
| Gregaluch | a | Glangesia | a |
| Prince Jerome | a | Magic Bard | a |
| Florin II. | a | Trump Card | a |
| Shaun Goilin | a | Drintyre | a |
| Kingsdown | a | Rhyticere | a |
| Very Last | a | Bangle II. | a |
| Healy True | a | Mangford | a |
| D.D.B. | a | South Green | a |
| Tide | a | Gold Punch | a |
| Rolie | a | East Galway | a |
| Gold Flare | a | Greenlaker | 6 |
| Lewendon | a | Youtell | 6 |
| Swift Rowland | a | Solanum | 6 |
| Bright's Boy | a | Wretham | 6 |
| Ricester | a | Near East | 6 |
| Redan | a | Theras | 6 |
| Hereford Lad | a | Donshaughlin | 6 |
| Irish Temple | a | Mistress | 5 |
| White Pine | a | Golden Monarch | 5 |

## NATIONAL TRIAL 'CHASE.

**NATIONAL TRIAL STEEPLECHASE** (handicap) of 1,000 sovs., second to receive 150 sovs., and the third 50 sovs. out of the plate.

**(Run at Gatwick, Sat., March 7. 2½ m. 38 subs.)**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gyi Lovam | a | Easy Virtue | a |
| Aspirant | a | Drintyre | a |
| Sir Lindsay | a | Big Black Boy | a |
| Gregalach | a | Rhyticere | a |
| Drin | a | Toy Bell | a |
| Lordi | a | Kakushin | a |
| Quite Calm | a | Amberwave | a |
| Cryptical | a | Castletown | a |
| Young Prince | a | Guiding Light | a |
| Tory Hill | a | Ballyhanwood | a |
| Skrun Prince | a | Arantius | a |
| Gate Book | a | Great Span | a |
| Alike | a | Endwell | a |
| Glangesia | a | South Green | a |
| Magic Bard | a | Near East | 6 |
| D.D.B. | a | Mercier | 6 |
| Ballasport | a | Solanum | 6 |
| Favourite Star | a | March Brown II. | 6 |
| Trump Card | a | Render | 6 |

## LIVERPOOL HURDLE.

**(Run Saturday, March 28. 2 m. 11. 62 subs.)**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Red Dusk | a | Brown Tony | 5 |
| Desert Sheik | a | Black Armstrong | 5 |
| Residue | a | Kildare's Pride | 5 |
| Knight Bachelor | a | Gratitude | 5 |
| Windermere Laddie | a | Burgee | 5 |
| Gonedry | a | Golden Meadow | 5 |
| Young Middleton | a | Gay Guy | 5 |
| Blancona | a | Corduroy | 5 |
| Rob Stone | a | Laminaria | 5 |
| The Miller | a | Rubicond II. | 5 |
| Arctic Star | a | Merano II. | 5 |
| Two Royals | a | Stalker II. | 5 |
| Castlederg | a | Lion Hearted | 5 |
| Kilreckle | a | Ennis Bridge | 5 |
| The Brown Talisman | a | Westerly Flier | 5 |
| Aigion | a | Arezaka | 5 |
| Monk Bar | 6 | Little Blackbird | 5 |
| Richborough | 6 | Can't Grumble | 4 |
| Even Me | 6 | Story of Eden | 4 |
| Baron Jehal | 6 | Telegraphic | 4 |
| Peter L. | 6 | Sea Rover | 4 |
| Tuck Box | 6 | Long Waste | 4 |
| The Wheedler | 6 | Cottage Pie | 4 |
| Glen Hazel | 6 | Furlough | 4 |
| Prince du Sang II. | 6 | Fairy Prince | 4 |
| Fleeball | 6 | Annaly | 4 |
| Tea for Two | 6 | Maitre | 4 |
| Isengrin | 6 | Tees Head | 4 |
| Brighter Bird | 6 | Milesway | 4 |
| Lagonda | 6 | Bois de Rose | 4 |
| Song of Essex | 5 | Marsac | 4 |

*COURSING.*

## THE NAAS MEETING ABANDONED.

There was an appreciable thaw in the Naas district yesterday morning, but at no time had the conditions changed to an extent that would justify the hope of coursing being possible even after noon. At 11 o'clock a visit to the preserves revealed that the gaps were frozen hard, while little of the hone had gone out of the fields.

Not more than half of the nominators put in an appearance; in fact, the slipper was also an absentee, and in the circumstances, and particularly as the owners in attendance considered that it would be dangerous to run their dogs, it was decided to abandon the meeting and to apply for a new fixture, which will likely be February 11th.

### HEADFORD.

**GAMERLISTRANE STAKES** (12 puppies)—Keville's Cross, a bye; Stud Groom, absent; Gambling Larry beat Mar's Chief; Never Nang, a bye; Agcolan Rile, absent; Golden Gordan beat West Island; Fatal Passion beat Jenny Truthful; Glanmore Beauty, a bye; Telias, absent.

**Second Round**—Gambling Larry beat Keville's Cross; Never Nang beat Golden Gordan; Glanmore Beauty beat Fatal Passion.

**Third Round**—Never Nang beat Gambling Larry; Glanmore Beauty, a bye.

Stakes divided between Mr. P. J. Nagle's Never Nang and Mr. P. Joyce's Glanmore Beauty.

**HEADFORD STAKES** (10 all-ages)—Curraghadorey Boy, a bye; Lodermaun, absent; Sorities beat Jameson Hogue; Savoy's Best beat Brandy Snap; Sunny Jersey beat Lynch's Folly; Golden Quarter beat Madame Bedard.

**Second Round**—Curraghadorey Boy beat Sorities; Sunny Jersey beat Savoy's Best; Golden Quarter, a bye.

**Third Round**—Curraghadorey Boy beat Golden Quarter.

Stakes divided between Mr. P. Macken's Curraghadorey Boy and Mr. W. Garrett's Sunny Jersey.

**GORTNAMONA STAKES** (16 2-course maidens). C.L.B. beat Dark Fire; Fianna Eireann beat Milestone; The Wee Brute beat Beach Seal; Guiding Demon beat Pilot's Call; Savoy Sinner beat Vulcan; Be-Zee-Bee beat Gambling Peg; Lady Demon beat Brize Beauty; Border Mystery beat Richland.

**Second Round**—Fianna Eireann beat C.L.B.; The Wee Brute beat Guiding Demon; Be-Zee-Bee beat Savoy Sinner; Border Mystery beat Lady Demon.

**Third Round** — The Wee Brute beat Fianna Eireann; Border Mystery beat Be-Zee-Bee.

**Decider** — Messrs. Cusack and McCormack's Border Mystery beat Mr. J. Frame's The Wee Brute.

**MEMBERS' STAKE** (16 2-course maidens)—Last Shower beat Knock Dark; Magic Demon beat Bigger Boy; Coral Reef Lad beat Split the Crown; Knockma's Pride beat Corrib Cream; Picture Beauty beat Savoy Susie; Coral Gem beat Milady's Dominoe; Lady Diver beat Vida; The Kiwi, a bye; Attractive Bamba, absent.

**Second Round**—Last Shower beat Magic Demon; Coral Reef Lad beat Knockma's Pride; Coral Gem beat Picture Beauty; Lady Diver beat The Kiwi.

**Third Round**—Coral Reef Lad beat Last Shower; Coral Gem beat Lady Diver.

**Decider**—Mr. J. Lee's Coral Reef Lad beat Mr. M. Tighe's Coral Gem.

### CASTLEPOLLARD—TO-DAY.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—J. McCabe.

**COLLINSTOWN STAKE** (11 puppies).—Wattstown Justifier v. Bookmark; Mutable Way v. Toney O.; Ardnadra v. Final Plunge; Ghandi's March v. Semi Stiff; Not Worth It v. Queen of Cuba; Thunder Dress, a bye.

**CASTLEPOLLARD STAKE** (12 all-ages).—Toor Laddie v. Ballytrasna Way; Middle East v. Thomond's Pride; Familiar Way v. Clondaliever; Recitive Boy v. Restless; Arigbna Lad v. Coole Queen; Maid of Deel v. Ringowney.

**BALLINAMEE No. 1 STAKE** (16 two-course all-ages).—Brilliant Laddie v. Planet's Line; What's Top v. Dandy Ash; Heavy Armour v. Liffey Linuour; Shannon Venture v. Jack Turner; Melancholy v. That Flie; Kinoghjur v. Medgaster; Neuralin v. Melksham Honey; Foxy Nan v. Celia's Fancy.

**BALLINAMEE No. 2 STAKE** (16 two-course all-ages).—Greenley Raven v. Kinbrian; U; and At It v. Bearhaven Gap; Funny Smith v. Hall; Lucky Refuse v. Higginstown; Sun Bronze v. Half Chops; Maid of the Dell v. Katenga; Dear Blossom v. Biddy the Beauty; Ship It To Rose v. Lugano.

Meet at Gartlandstown at 11 o'clock.

### RUSH AND LUSK.

### DRAW FOR MONDAY.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—E. Cleeve.

**TRIAL STAKES** (10 bitch puppies)—Coming Change v. Balcultry Belle; Royal Heiress v. Greenpark Lass; Sally King v. Loco Girl; Cloniyon v. Beadle Beauty; Leading Lovely v. White Summer.

**STAFFORDSTOWN STAKES** (12 all-ages)—Lusk Tower v. My Old Shaca; Into Battle v. Sweet Cigar; So Gay v. Cheerful Steeple; Blue Cross v. Dear Old Cutlet; Old Brawn v. Irish Chance; Neuvelle v. Yellow Vixen.

**BALLALY STAKES** (16 two-course all-ages)—Late Entry v. Lord Hudson; Sandy Row v. Black Haven; Mooney-Eyed Coon v. McKee Boy; Miss Lament v. The Slilbern; Coming Crux v. Rania; So Saucy v. Sliddera; Melksham Style v. Lally Lombard; Lady Lenin v. Dimpie.

First brace in slips at 9.30 a.m.

*ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.*

## CO. ANTRIM SHIELD.

The draw for the first round of the County Antrim Shield, in which the Steel and Sons Cup finalists, Crusaders, and Charleville qualify, was made last night as follows:—

Distillery v. Crusaders.
Larne v. Celtic.
Ballymena v. Ards.
Byes—Bangor, Charleville, Glentoran, Cliftonville and Linfield.

The Distillery v. Crusaders and Larne v. Celtic matches will be played on January 21st, and Ballymena v. Ards on January 28th.

## IMPERIAL CUP (HURDLE).

**(Run at Sandown Park, Saturday, March 21. 2 m. 55 subs.)**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| War Mist | a | Gay Light | a |
| Bangle II. | a | Raitlin' the Rector | 5 |
| Castlederg | a | Knight of Knockeevan | 5 |
| Brigliadoro | a | Gratitude | 5 |
| The Brown Talisman | a | Burgee | 5 |
| Gonedry | a | Gay Guy | 5 |
| Blancona | a | Laminaria | 5 |
| Jugo | a | Song of Essex | 5 |
| Prospice | a | Brown Tony | 5 |
| Very Well | a | Feryside | 5 |
| Residue | a | Black Ensign | 5 |
| Young Middleton | a | Golden Urn | 4 |
| Gonedry | a | Annaly | 4 |
| The Wheedler | 6 | Cleveland | 4 |
| Glenhazel | 6 | Faranga | 4 |
| Prince Du Sang II. | 6 | Tees Head | 4 |
| Monk Bar | 6 | Milesway | 4 |
| Carbineer | 6 | Flying Call | 4 |
| Brackwell Home | 6 | Furlough | 4 |
| Peertoi | 6 | Breadcrumb | 4 |
| Pomponian | 6 | Swank | 4 |
| Richborough | 6 | Gowan Lodge | 4 |
| Even Me | 6 | Pompe minto | 4 |
| Rubicon II. | 5 | Can't Grumble | 4 |
| Merano | 5 | Story of Eden | 4 |
| Stalker II. | 5 | Telegraphic | 4 |
| Midlothian | 5 | Sea Rover | 4 |
| Lion-Hearted | 5 | | |

## N.H. HANDICAP 'CHASE.

**NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of £1,000 (given by the National Hunt Committee), added to a Sweepstakes of £10 each, second to receive £150, third £100, and fourth £50 out of the stakes.

**(Run at Cheltenham, Wed., March 11. Distance—4 m. 48 subs.)**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gold Star | a | Bright's Boy | a |
| Aspirant | a | Sandy Hook | a |
| Koko | a | Young Prince | a |
| Santabel | a | Trump Card | a |
| Donegal | a | Rhyticere | a |
| Kingsdown | a | Toy Bell | a |
| Delirine | a | Don Sancho | a |
| The Black Fellow | a | Amberwave | a |
| Quite Calm | a | Kansalo | a |
| Irish Temple | a | Richmond II. | a |
| Gate Book | a | Arantius | a |
| Cryptical | a | Ballyhanwood | a |
| Donzelon | a | Wise Don | a |
| Master Billie | a | Endwell | a |
| Buckley | a | South Green | a |
| D.D.B. | a | Stash | a |
| Balius | a | Cold Punch | a |
| Patron Saint | a | East Galway | a |
| Alike | a | Pixie | 6 |
| Ballasport | a | Solanum | 6 |
| Blue Bag | a | Donshaughlin | 6 |
| Favourite Star | a | Wretham | 6 |
| Kepi Amarante | a | Mister Mate | 6 |
| Swift Rowland | a | Silver Grail | 5 |

## GRAND ANNUAL 'CHASE.

**(Run at Cheltenham, Tuesday, March 10. 2 m. 31 subs.).**

| | Age. | | Age. |
|---|---|---|---|
| West Julies | a | Killadoon | a |
| Delaville | a | Bangle II. | a |
| Colliery Band | a | Camp Bed | a |
| Cyzara | a | Relation | a |
| Wind Swept | a | Kingsford | a |
| Privil's Pride | a | Irish Boy | a |
| Magic Moon | a | Sister | 6 |
| Spear o' War | a | Fly-wheel | 6 |
| Pickwell | a | Royal Scot | 6 |
| Killin | a | Theras | 6 |
| General Advance | a | Tense Salmon | 6 |
| Mister Moon | a | Inverse | 5 |
| Brave Cry | a | Wonderful Love | 5 |
| Red Abbot | a | Prince of Athens | 5 |
| Grandene | a | Lavendula | 5 |
| Vinicole | a | | |

## CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP.

**(Run Tuesday, March 10. 3 m. 31. 20 subs.)**

| | Age. | st. lb. | | Age. | st. lb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Hill | a | 12 | 0 | Bolle | a 12 | 0 |
| Relation | a | 12 | 0 | East Galway | a 12 | 0 |
| Arctic Star | a | 12 | 0 | Don Sancho | a 12 | 0 |
| Gib | a | 12 | 0 | Trump Card | a 12 | 0 |
| Rhyticere | a | 12 | 0 | Grakle | a 12 | 0 |
| Bangle II. | a | 12 | 0 | Ballasport | a 12 | 0 |
| Tide | a | 12 | 0 | Easter Hero | a 12 | 0 |
| Boomlet | a | 12 | 0 | Sir Lindsay | a 12 | 0 |
| Apostasy | a | 12 | 0 | Theras | 6 12 | 0 |
| Amberwave | a | 12 | 0 | Inverse | 5 11 | 5 |

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# Cross-Channel Golf Notes.

## MEMORIES OF A FREAK MATCH.

(BY "R. A.")

MUD—nothing but mud, wind, rain, sleet and snow, to say little of occasional frost, making conditions even worse, are the lot and portion of the golfer at this time of the year. It is with relief, therefore, that I look back to that hot sunny day last August when strange things happened.

It all came about through a heated argument as to the number of strokes required to hole out at the tenth hole, the furthest part of the course from the first tee, any route to be taken. As usual, in these cross-country affairs, the number was grossly over-estimated, and, as there was nothing novel in the idea, I paid no attention. The germ of an idea, however, must have been born in my brain; for next day I sought out X, and challenged him to a match starting at the first tee, and holing out in the pond opposite the Haven Hotel. This entailed negotiating some four miles of hills, bogs and heather, with a *finale* of half a mile of tidal water. The last part of the course was rather analagous to playing from Baldoyle Race-course to Portmarnock Golf Club at high tide.

Our rules were simple, the only difference from the St. Andrews code being that we were allowed to tee up within a club's length of where the ball was lying, and we could go any route except along roads. Each of us had an umpire, the loser to pay all expenses and stand ourselves and the umpires dinner at the Haven Hotel. As great interest was evinced in this match, a club "sweep" materialised, the most optimistic prophecy being 150, while a pessimist put down 1,050. We tossed for honour, and when X put me in to bat first, armed with a driver, iron, and mashie, several "Gillies" tees of various dimensions, I prepared for the fray. The first shot was over a bracken-

## HUNTING.

### DUHALLOW HOUNDS.

Hounds met at Kilbrack on Thursday, January 1st, when the Master and Mrs. Shepherd kindly entertained everyone.

Croker's Glen was first drawn, and a fox was soon away towards Newtown. Here, unfortunately, a second fox jumped up, and hounds divided, but scent was not good, and nothing could be made of either fox. Brough Wood provided the next fox, but all trace of him disappeared near Castle Pook.

A fox from Furlong's Gorse ran past Carher Pike down to Park, and on past Kilbrack into Donerailе Park, where hounds were stopped.

Boobly was blank, but there were several foxes afoot in Knockanaad, the hunted fox running on past Kilcoleman to Regan's Rock, where he got to ground.

There was no hunting on Sunday or Monday, owing to frost.

Ross Mill was Tuesday's fixture. Finding in Ross covert, hounds ran a right-handed ring almost back into covert, then swinging left-handed, crossed the road and went on for about a mile, before marking their fox to ground near the sand pit.

Barnagh was blank, and, although a fox went away from Ardglass, nothing could be done with him. There were a brace of foxes in Ardagh, and hounds ran first down to Moygue, where the fox got into a hole in a double bank.

Altamire was blank, and this ended the day.

### BREE HUNT.

These hounds brought off a good run from the Rathnure meet, which attracted a big field. The number of people on foot and bicycles, however, rendered hunting difficult by heading foxes at several points, and scent was none too good at times. The Master, Mr. L. Sweetman, was in command, and after several futile draws a fox was found in Ballyhyland Hill. He was hunted at a fast pace in the direction of Caerne, then wheeled left-handed, and, crossing the main road, ran without a check into Milltown bogs, where, owing to approaching darkness, hounds had to be called off.

The question of the ownership of the hounds, which was the principal cause of the recent dispute, has, we understand, now been definitely settled. The pack, having been purchased by funds subscribed by the hunt country, is now the property of the country, and is controlled by trustees appointed in accordance with the rules of the Irish Masters of Foxhounds' Association.

### HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

**THE WARD.**

| January. | Meet. | Hour. |
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| Saturday, 10th | Palmerstown | 1.30 |

**THE KILDARE.**

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| Saturday, 10th | Straffan Bridge | 11. 0 |

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CARLOW HOUNDS.—January :—To-morrow, 10th, Montabower Bridge; Tuesday, 13th, Hollymount; Thursday, 15th, Milford Bridge (by-day); Saturday, 17th, Kellistown Cottage; Tuesday, 20th, Oak Park. At 11 o'clock.

MEATH HOUNDS.—Change of Meets :—Saturday, January 17th, Brittas; Monday, January 19th, Dowestown.

WATERFORD HOUNDS.—January :—Monday, 12th, Rathgormack Village; Thursday, 15th, Sporthouse; Saturday, 17th, Curraghmore; Monday, 19th, Faha Chapel; Thursday, 22nd, Kill St. Nicholas; Saturday, 24th, Ballyduin Cross. 11 o'clock.

BRAY HARRIERS.—Meet Saturday, 10th, at Cabinteely, at 2 o'clock.

BREE HUNT — January — Saturday, 10th, Killorin; Wednesday, 14th, Ballyhyland; Saturday, 17th, Borodale; Thursday, 22nd, Bree; Monday, 26th, Scoby (Lynch's Gate); Thursday, 29th, Ballyreden. At 11 o'clock.

ORMOND HOUNDS.—January—Monday, 12th, Belle Isle (E. Galway Hounds by invitation); Friday, 16th, Fenagh (by invitation of E. Galway Hunt); Tuesday, 20th, Ardcroney; Friday, 23rd, Mossfield Cross; Tuesday, 27th, Modreeny; Friday, 30th, Gurteen Cross. February—Tuesday, 3rd, Borrisokane; Friday, 6th, Castletown Cross; Monday, 9th, Lorrha; Friday, 13th, Shinrone. At 11 o'clock.

THURLES AND KILSHANE HOUNDS.—Change of Meet—These hounds will meet at Ardmayle on Monday next, the 12th inst., instead of Marlow, and at Marlow on the 26th inst.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HARRIERS.—These hounds will meet to-morrow (Saturday) at Kingswood at 2 o'clock.

HUNTING.—Reports from the various Packs; List of Appointments; Point-to-Point and Hunt Balls appear in "THE IRISH FIELD," Dublin, every Saturday. Price 2d. Subscription Terms—Half-yearly, 6/6, post free, payable in advance. Head Office—11 D'Olier street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

## LACROSSE.

### LADY HARTY CUP.

The third annual tournament for the Lady Harty Cup was brought off at the Pioneers' pitch, Leinster cricket ground, yesterday. Four teams competed, and the final was won by Miss Chance's XII., who defeated Miss Scott's side by 7 goals to 5. The conditions were not favourable for fast play, as there was a "bone" in the ground, and the recent thaw made the surface slippery. In the first match, B Team, captained by Miss B. Chance, proved too strong for D Team, skippered by Miss M. Meldon. The sides were level—4 all— at the interval, but Miss Chance's side had all the better of the second half, and ran out winners by 12 goals to 4. Result :—

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| B Team | 12 goals |
| D Team | 4 goals |

Teams :—

B Team—Misses B. Thompson, B. Cresswell, E. Weir, Dawe, H. Griffith, R. Chance (capt.), E. Lombard, H. Cresswell, D. Farrington, A. Burgess.

D Team—Misses N. Meldon, R. Weir, M. Meldon (capt.), M. Huet, M. Chance, R. Law, B. Geoghegan, S. Huet, M. Weir, M. Tweedy, L. Lombard.

Umpire—Miss Strain.

The second match—between A and C—was much closer. Misses Adcock and Wheeler scored for A, and Miss Strain (2) for C, in the first half. Miss Wheeler added another goal for A in the second period, but Misses Scott and Vaughan scored for C to give the latter the victory by 4 goals to 3. Result :—

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| C Team | 4 goals |
| A Team | 3 goals |

Teams :—

A Team—Misses Cunningham, N. Batchen, Craig, R. Rutherford, J. Hiscock, J. Dunlop (capt.), Sampson, S. Dunlop, E. Wheeler, Cassidy, B. Adcock.

C Team—Misses P. Darley, J. Stokes, Weir, P. Woods, Thompson, R. Scott (capt.), A. Darley, Lombard, Strain, S. Elvery, M. Vaughan.

Umpire—Miss N. Meldon.

The final was played in bad light, on a ground much cut up. Play was even for a considerable period, and B led at half time by 3-1. Misses Cresswell (2) and E. Lombard scoring, while Miss Strain got the C goal. In the second period Miss Cresswell added three and Mrs. Farrington one to B's score, while Miss Strain sent in two for C. The cup was presented to the captain of the winning team, Miss Chance, by Miss Griffith. Result :—

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| B Team (Miss B. Chance)... | 7 goals |
| C Team (Miss B. Scott)..... | 5 goals |

### SOUTH LEAD IN WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

The South lead in the Women's Territorial Lacrosse Tournament at Merion Abbey, having won all their three matches to date. Yesterday the South beat the Midlands by eight goals to four, and the West (last year's runners-up) defeated the North by ten goals to eight. Miss J. Franklin Adams, the English internationalist, of London University, scored three goals for the South, while in the other match Miss M. Lewis, who has played for Wales, was responsible for six of the West's points. Miss J. Carter, of Hoylake, netted three times for the North.

## BADMINTON.

### PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION B.

The following will represent Presbyterian Association "B" Section Badminton Club v. Ormond Quay to-day—Misses K. A. Morton, N. James, R. A. Dalzell and N. James; Rev. S. J. Park and Messrs J. G. Donaghy, J. E. Keane (capt.), and R. S. Caruth.

## BILLIARDS.

### NEWMAN V. DAVIS.

Newman played well in the first session at Thurston's Hall, London, yesterday, and at the interval he led by nearly 1,500. Davis took his overnight unfinished break to 344, but Newman replied with 282 and 126 before the champion got in another run of 524. Newman played the time with 751 unfinished, and he scored 1,160 and averaged 580. Davis totalled 626 and averaged 209. Interval :—Newman (received 7,000) (in play), 14,035; Davis (received 7,000), 12,607.

Newman took his unfinished break to 1,048, the innings ending when he missed a cannon off the top cushion. This is his fourteenth thousand break of the season. Closing scores :—Newman (in play), 15,054; Davis, 13,289.

### LINDRUM V. McCONACHY.

Lindrum made better progress against McConachy at Hull in the first session yesterday, the Australian's average being 220 and his total 1,098, compared with McConachy's average of 109 and aggregate of 655. McConachy took his unfinished break to 320, and later he had a break of 321. Lindrum's best breaks were 174, 166, 217 and 450 unfinished. Interval scores :—McConachy (received 7,000), 11,145; Lindrum (in play), 5,800.

Lindrum was in excellent form at night, and recorded yet another four-figure break—1,015 full. In it were runs of 66, 72, 74 and 83 cannons, and he broke down at a difficult massé cannon. Subsequently he made breaks of 256, 302 and 176, his total for the session being 2,777. McConachy's chief breaks were 159, 96 and 90. He scored 424 and averaged 53. Lindrum's average was 197. Closing scores—McConachy (in play), 11,567; Lindrum, 7,127.

## ROWING.

### BOAT RACE PRACTICE.

The Oxford University crew made three journeys to Iffley during their practice yesterday, after D. E. Tinne (University), the President, had given the men tub-pair instruction early in the day. The order of rowing was unchanged until the third outing, when F. Platts-Mills (Balliol) superseded M. G. Powell (Trinity) at No. 6.

## IRISH SHORTHORN BREEDERS' CONGRESS.

Some of the officials at the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Annual Congress, held in Limerick yesterday. Front Row (left to right): General Sir George Franks, Sir Otway Wheeler-Cuffe, Senator Countess of Desart, Mr. P. J. Halliden (Secretary), Mr. T. O'Sullivan and Miss Montgomery. Among those at the back are Mr. O'Callaghan, Senator M. F. O'Hanlon, Mr. Twomey and Mr. O'Connor.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

### FINAL IRISH TRIAL.

#### TEAMS TO BE SELECTED TO-MORROW.

The Irish Selection Committee will meet in the Shelbourne Hotel to-morrow night to pick the teams for the final trial match at Lansdowne road on January 24th.

### WELSH SELECTORS IN A DILEMMA.

#### FROST PREVENTS PLAY IN TRIAL GAME.

As a result of the Glamorgan v. Monmouth match being cancelled owing to frost yesterday, the Welsh Selection Committee are in a dilemma with regard to choosing the Welsh Fifteen against England at Twickenham on Saturday, January 17th. The county game at Neath had been turned into an official trial by the inclusion of certain players at the request of the selectors, so that the abandonment of the encounter means that the Welsh Selection Committee will have to rely on the official trial form alone when the Welsh team is picked at Cardiff on Friday night.

### IRISH PLAYERS IN R.A.F. TEAM V. GLOUCESTER.

Several Irish players are included in the R.A.F. XV. to play Gloucester at Gloucester on Saturday. The team is as follows :—

P./O. G. M. IEVERS (No. 58 B Squadron, Worthy Down), F./Lt. G. D. Harvey (Station Flight, Duxford), F./Lt. F. S. HODDER (Home Aircraft Depôt, Henlow), P./O. P. B. COOTE (No. 43 F. Squadron, Tangmere), and L./A./C. P. Robinson (No. 101 B Squadron, Andover); P./O. L. S. McNicol (No. 58 B Squadron, Worthy Down) and P./O. G. R. A. Elsmie (No. 43 F Squadron, Tangmere); P./O. G. M. Gillies (Station H.Q., Halton), L./A./C. W. Reynolds (Home Aircraft Depôt, Henlow), L./A./C. A. E. Simmons (Home Aircraft Depôt, Henlow), F./O. H. A. Constantine (R.A.F. College, Cranwell), P./O. R. L. Wallace (No. 17 F Squadron, Upavon), F./Sgt. W. Kerby (Halton), F./Lt. G. R. BEAMISH (Home Aircraft Depôt, Henlow) and P./O. W. M. McKechnie (R.A.F. Base, Calshot).

### SCOTTISH FINAL TRIAL.

#### CHANGE IN REST TEAM.

D. A. McLaren (Durham County) will take the place of J. Stewart (Glasgow High School) in the Rest of Scotland pack in the final trial at Murrayfield to-morrow. This is the only change reported in addition to Ritchie coming in for Druitt, also in the Rest of Scotland forward line.

### REFEREES JOIN REBELS.

*PARIS, Thursday.*

Five French Rugby referees have sent in their resignations on account of the French Rugby Federation's order that they should only referee matches under its jurisdiction and not those of the "Douzo" clubs.

### PORRA ASKED TO EXPLAIN.

*PARIS, Thursday.*

Porra, the Lyons hooker, has been asked by the French Rugby Federation to explain his action in not resigning from his "rebel" club after playing in the French team that played Ireland on New Year's Day. Porra was only selected on condition that he joined a club under the jurisdiction of the Federation, but he has now decided to remain with the "rebels," and played for Lyons against Nantes last Sunday.

### THE WANDERERS' BACKS FINISH STRONGLY.

**WANDERERS 12 BOHEMIANS (Limerick) 3**

Wanderers defeated Bohemians at Limerick yesterday by four tries to a penalty goal.

Davern opened the scoring for Bohemians with a fine penalty goal from a difficult angle, but from a pass by Keegan Hewat scored far out, Clinch failing with the kick. Greatly put Wanderers ahead, dribbling over for score in a good position, but Clinch again failed, and Wanderers led by 5 points at the interval.

After splendid efforts by Russell and McMahon, Wellwood cut through beautifully, and passed to Sugden, who sent Hewat over at the corner. McQuaid's kick was also unsuccessful, as was Wellwood's attempt to convert a try by McQuaid.

The score flattered Wanderers, as on the play the home side had the better of it, Wanderers being seldom beyond the half-way line after changing ends. In the loose Bohemians were on top, but the passing of the backs was uncertain. Wanderers, however, were quick to avail themselves of their opportunities, and won through the superiority of their backs.

### CARLOW LOSE AT HOME TO BECTIVE RANGERS.

**BECTIVE RANGERS "A" 8 CARLOW..... 3**

A team of Bective Rangers yesterday defeated Carlow by a goal and a try to nil. White scored the try, and Connell's try was converted by McCartan.

Played on a frost-bound ground at Carlow the football was fast and the play open; but from midway through the first half, when White scored, the visitors held the upper hand.

McCartan and Magee were the winners' best backs, and forward Higginbotham, Power and White were prominent, particularly in some excellent dribbling.

Hayden played a fine steady game at full-back for Carlow, and Fanning and O'Dempsey were clever half-backs, while Duggan, Oliver and O'Connor were always to the fore in a solid pack.

### PRINCIPAL FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wanderers v. Queen's University, Lansdowne road.
Bective Rangers v. Dublin University, Donnybrook.
Monkstown v. Lansdowne, Sydney Parade.
University College v. Old Wesley, Terenure.
Clontarf v. Blackrock College, Castle avenue.

**TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.**

Wanderers Senior Schoolboys—C. E. Tait; M. D. Noman, H. W. Macdougald, E. E. Hoy, D. C. Keatings; P. D. Hewat, R. Rafter; P. H. Allen, J. W. Boyle, H. P. Dockrell, R. Gallagher, J. E. Gillespie, S. Healy, R. G. Houston, P. Verlin. Subs to attend—L. G. Clayton, W. D. Lewin, K. Johnson.

Bective Schoolboys—C. Gannon; R. Cahill, B. Montgomery, T. Conroy, L. O'Reilly; A. Conyn, E. Graham; L. Doyle (capt.), B. McMenamin, G. Cox, K. Magee, B. Muldoon, J. Farrell, M. J. O'Dwyer, J. O'Leary. Subs.—G. O'Toole, M. White, A. O'Farrell, J. Ganter, J. Leavy, all of whom should attend.

**TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.**

Lansdowne Schoolboys v. Bective Schoolboys, Lansdowne road, 3 o'clock.
Wanderers Senior Schoolboys v. Old Wesley Senior Schoolboys, Lansdowne road, 2.30.

### FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

**LAW NOTICES—Friday, January 9, 1931.**

**IRISH LAND COMMISSION.**

Examiners' Chambers, at 93 Merrion square.

Before Mr. Jeffrey White, Chief Examiner, at 11 o'clock—W. P. Acheson (S 6753), vouch. At 3.30 o'clock—J. J. Crawford (S 3500).

Before Mr. Franks, at 11 o'clock—Gillman's estate (Doherty's rent). At 3 o'clock—Matilda A. Sadlier (S 3370), vouch.

Before Mr. Leet, at 11 o'clock—Duke of Rutland (S 1481), vouch. At 3 o'clock—Marquess of Waterford (S 1007), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Brett, at 11 o'clock—R. H. Metge (S 1826) (Smythe's rent), vouch. At 3 o'clock—Patrick Cahir (S 5678), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

Before Mr. Grove White, at 11 o'clock—A. M. Herschell and ors. (S 4/39), vouch. At 12 o'clock—Briscoe's estate (McKeague's rent), discharge rulings.

Mr. K. L. Hall, Principal Assistant Secretary in Nigeria, has been appointed Chief Secretary in the Nyasaland Protectorate. Mr. Hall, who arrived in England on leave of absence on December 22, will proceed to Nyasaland on January 23.

## DUBLIN PORT'S REMARKABLE TONNAGE FIGURES.

### YEAR OF PROGRESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The successful working of the Port of Dublin during the year 1930 was referred to by Mr. Charles McGloughlin when presiding at the meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday, following his re-election as Chairman.

The return now to hand, he said, showed that the registered tonnage of vessels entering the port during the year totalled 2,456,704 tons, a figure which constituted a "record," and was an increase of 116,070 tons over the year 1929.

Alluding to the recent industrial development around the port, he instanced the grain silos of the Merchants' Warehousing Company, the flour mill of the Port Milling Company, Messrs. Lever's modern soap works, and Messrs. Rathborne's modern candle works. Messrs. Gallaher's beautiful buildings on the East Wall were, he said,

Mr. C. McGloughlin. Mr. Walter Baird.

an example, along with the other new tobacco factories in Dublin, of what modern factories should be. Then they had the British and Irish Steam Packet Company's new stores, offices and lairage, the latter of which he would say must be second to none in the Kingdom. The same might be said of the oil storage yards, an additional one of which had been added this year.

**GREAT IMPROVEMENTS.**

Regarding the great improvements and development of business in the Custom House Docks and warehouses, he said, the enterprise of the Board in building modern storage for tobacco at a cost of over £40,000 had enabled them to accommodate the very large requirements of Dublin in this direction now and so make up for the falling off of the spirits and wine bonding that was at one time a large source of the warehouse revenue. It was interesting to note that the duty on clearances of tobacco through this department now exceeded two and a quarter million pounds annually, and the storage of tobacco had enabled the Board to maintain staffs that would otherwise have had to be reduced.

A large part of the foregoing development had come about owing to the Free State's partial abandoning of the Free Trade policy. Now, hand in hand with this industrial development, the improvement of the port itself had gone on steadily, the most important and most costly item being the deepening and maintaining of the channel, and the Board had thought it wise this year to establish, as far as possible, a continuous survey, so as to get the best value out of the very heavy dredging charges, which run to over £30,000 per annum, and also to detect any possible silting. The deep-water quay at the North side of Alexandra Wharf was now almost completed, giving 1,400 feet of berthage, 32 feet deep at low water.

**ADDITIONAL PLANT.**

Each year additional electric cranes had been added with additional and improved trackways. There were four 4-ton cranes on order at the moment, two for the extension and two for the South quays, and in addition one of the Board's largest customers was about to erect a grain-discharging plant of the most modern design. The North quays had been re-surfaced in concrete, making it a pleasure instead of a danger to drive on them. The shore and floating plant had been well maintained, and the staff had, he thought, been given every encouragement in any improvement of equipment, etc., that they put forward. He expressed a personal word of appreciation of their various officers in this regard.

There were still some costly items of improvement and repair that had to be faced—for instance, the renewal of the bridge at George's Dock and the bridge in the Docks Yard itself, as these were not suitable for modern traffic; also the renewal of the Graving Dock gates, but he was sure that in the light of that little retrospect the Board would work on in confidence and with the satisfaction of knowing that they were materially helping in the development of their country.

**BUTT BRIDGE.**

The reconstruction of Butt Bridge had at last been put in hands. The Board had endeavoured to have this bridge reconstructed long before the establishment of the Free State, but were blocked by one interest or another, and he thought that it illustrated the advantage of having their own government that the different interests were composed, and the construction work actually got under weigh in such a short time.

That bridge would harmonise with O'Connell Bridge and be an ornament to the city as well as a great facility to traffic. The contract was to be completed before the Eucharistic Congress, and in this regard he would like to reiterate that the Board were most sympathetically endeavouring to meet the Congress organisers in every way possible so far as port services were concerned.

Concluding, he paid a tribute to the ability, keenness and attention of the Board's principal officers, and through them to the general staff, and said that he was sure the Board would join him in expressing appreciation of their services.

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

Mr. Walter Baird was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The Lord Mayor, who presided at the opening of the meeting, welcomed Mr. Hugh Kennedy, who had been co-opted a member of the Board. Mr. Kennedy, he said, was one of Dublin's leading citizens, one of the captains of industry, and was respected not only in commercial circles, but by the humblest tenement dweller in Dublin.

Mr. Kennedy returned thanks to all his friends who had thought well of co-opting him, and said that he hoped that his presence might be of use in the deliberations of the Board.

## FIXED CALENDAR LEAGUE.

### DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO DUBLIN.

### REQUEST TO FREE STATE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. M. B. Cotsworth, F.C.A., director International Fixed Calendar League, and expert to the League of Nations Committee on Calendar Reform, arrived in Dublin yesterday, with the object of asking the Free State Government to form a national committee for the purpose of joining with other nations for a reform of the Calendar.

In an interview with our reporter, Mr. Cotsworth stated that the matter came to a climax in 1923, when the International Chamber of Commerce, the International Union of Astronomers and other international organisations asked the League of Nations to take the matter up. The result was that the League appointed a Committee to inquire into the subject.

**THREE DEFECTS.**

This Committee, he said, consisted of representatives of the Holy See, which represented half of Christendom, representatives of the Orthodox (Greek) Church, and representatives of the Protestant Churches. Business was represented by the President of the International Chamber of Commerce; the astronomers were represented by Mons. Begourden, of France, and International Law was represented by Herr Von Eysinga (Holland).

This Committee considered the matter during three years, and then finally reported that there are three undisputed defects in the calendar. These are: The unequal length of the months, the want of fixity of week-day names, and the non-fixity of Easter in the church festivals.

**THE EASTER PROBLEM.**

In regard to Easter, the League of Nations Committee made a definite recommendation that Easter should fall on the Sunday following the second Saturday in April. The late British Government, he said, had, unfortunately, brought in legislation which enacted that Easter should fall in that way. That was an encroachment on the prerogative of the Holy See. The only authority that could fix the date of Easter was the Holy See. The representatives of the other Churches on the Committee agreed that the date should be left to the Holy See, but the Holy See could do nothing in the matter until an Ecumenical Council was held.

It was proposed that the last day of 1935, which will fall on a Sunday, should be established as an International Day of Rest throughout the world, and to be included as the eighth day.

Then, said Mr. Cotsworth, all the weeks become fixed and days become fixed by absorbing the last day in the year, and a leap day.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEES.**

Out of 402 proposals for reform which he had examined, there were only two which deserved seriously to be considered by the League of Nations Committee. One of these plans would divide the 52 weeks into thirteen months of four weeks each, and that would fix the same days and dates for every month in the year, and would equalise the periods for expenditure and payments.

Each nation was asked to form a committee to study these matters, and to send a report to the conference, which, in turn, would send it to the League of Nations for consideration. The Holy See would deal with the question of a fixed date for Easter. Under the plan that was proposed Christmas Day would always fall on a Monday, and the Saturday and Sunday would be holidays. The leap day would be a Saturday at the end of June.

**DAYS OF REST.**

Every fourth year would have two international days of rest. Every month and every year would begin on a Sunday. Then there would be a year-day, and the insertion of the year-day in the last week of the year would fix the calendar, so that Good Friday would always come on the 7th of April, the actual anniversary of the death of Christ. Then Easter Sunday would become historically true on the 9th of April, and Whit Sunday would fall on the 28th of May.

The benefit of these fixtures, he said, would be very great in the realm of accounts for business and wages. In England the railway companies and the great business concerns are using the four-weeks month, and find the plan satisfactory.

Mr. Cotsworth will wait on the Free State Minister for External Affairs and on the Chamber of Commerce to-day to put his case before them.

### FORD'S FOUR THOUSAND CARS PER DAY.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

*NEW YORK, Thursday.*

According to figures announced to-day the world output of Ford cars and lorries in 1930 was 1,500,010, of which 45,032 were manufactured in December. Although production in the United States and Canada declined in 1930, the Ford concern showed a larger proportion of the total for the industry, its share being about forty-two per cent. against twenty-five per cent. in 1929.

### DUBLIN FIRM'S STAFF DANCE.

There was a large attendance at the staff dance organised by Messrs. Doyle Motors, Ltd., and Mr. Andrew J. Doyle, King street, Dublin, which was held in Mills' Hall, Dublin, last night. The reunion proved most enjoyable. Those present included :—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Doyle, Mr. R. H. Blackledge, Mr. W. J. Lang, Mr. J. Cooke and Mr. H. J. O'Magowan.

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## FLOUR MILLING IN LIMERICK.

### LARGE ARRIVALS OF GRAIN.

### NEW MILL TO BE BUILT.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

During the past few days large cargoes of grain have been discharged in Limerick. The biggest vessel ever berthed in the port is the s.s. Vulcan City (Captain Arthur Newton). It is a boat of 8,500 tons and 440 feet long, and has a cargo of grain for Messrs. James Ballantyne and Co.

When the Limerick Tramways Bill was promoted for the purpose of linking up the docks with the Great Southern Railway, it was expected that the volume of traffic to be dealt with would be, at the utmost, 70,000 tons per year.

Mr. J. V. Rank, who now controls the business of Messrs. Ballantyne, has informed the Harbour Board that his firm alone will have up to 100,000 tons of traffic per annum for this link between Limerick port and inland stations. I am informed that under existing arrangements it costs 6s. per ton to take coal from the docks to the Great Southern Railway, and similarly with other materials. When the proposed electric goods train or tramway scheme comes into operation the movement of coal from ship to rail in Limerick will, it is said, cost only 1s. 6d. per ton. The prospect is regarded with favour by business people in Limerick and the large stretch of country for which it is a distributing centre.

**THE IDLE CRANE.**

An electric crane, erected by the Harbour Board, for the purpose of expediting work at the dockside stands idle because of the conditions of working insisted on by the dock labourers. These men see in the crane a source of unemployment, and, so far, have made its working unremunerative.

From Mr. Rank's statement to the Harbour Board it is clear that the flour milling industry is not likely to decline. The fact that during the past week at least four large consignments of grain have been discharged; that the present mill is in full operation and that another mill of Mr. Rank's is to be built near the docks indicates a very big development in this direction. In addition a silo is to be built by the same firm. With regard to the new mill, I understand that Limerick Corporation has given permission for bridges between the new and the old mills across the roadway so that all the work will be carried on as if under one roof.

**LIMERICK HARBOUR.**

Limerick Harbour Board is in the happy position of having on hands a sum of £60,000, and has in contemplation a number of schemes for the improvement of the port. These, it is estimated, will cost £150,000, and include the tramways scheme already mentioned. To make up the balance required to carry out the work, the Harbour Commissioners have completed arrangements with the Bank of Ireland. Some amendments to the Harbour tramways scheme suggested by the Minister for Industry and Commerce have been agreed to by the Board, and the speedy passage of the bill through the Oireachtas is expected.

There is some dissatisfaction locally over the apparent inaction of Mr. McGilligan in connection with the stoppage of navigation by the Grand Canal between Limerick and Killaloe. Before the Shannon scheme came into operation, there was a full canal service to Limerick at all states of the tide. When the Shannon scheme came along this was interfered with. It was arranged that canal boats should be taken by the Abbey River from Limerick to Ardnacrusha, where they were to be lifted into the Shannon scheme canal by hydraulic power. Owing to the Abbey River proving unsuitable, this plan is not working satisfactorily, with the result that canal boats are not running nearer to Limerick than Killaloe. This means that goods intended for transit by water inland must be railed from Limerick to Killaloe, and there transferred to canal boats.

It is felt locally that in this matter Mr. McGilligan should redeem his promise to make the navigation from Limerick by canal as good as it was before the Shannon scheme was established.

**IMPROVING THE CITY.**

As regards Limerick City, I found in Alderman Donnellan, the Mayor, a strong desire to have the present heavy rates of 24s. 6d. in the £ reduced, consistent with efficient public services. In his opinion, there is every reason to be hopeful of the future. While in favour of improvements in the city, he believes that they should be carried out with some degree of economy.

To complete the concreting of the city streets the Corporation have borrowed £200,000, and it is claimed that the streets will then be second to none in Ireland.

Tenders have been received for the extension of the Corporation Waterworks. This will ensure a sufficient supply to all areas within the city boundaries.

Arrangements are also being made for the erection of 74 artisans' dwellings at a cost of £20,000.

To stimulate trade in the city it is proposed to follow the example of other centres and organise a shopping-week. This will be needed, because business at Christmas-time was quiet, owing to the widespread depression, although there are now some signs of revival. When there were thousands of workers on the Shannon scheme traders in Limerick would not admit that it helped them in any way, but now that the work has been completed they realise what their presence meant in the circulation of money.

**WELL-LIGHTED STREETS.**

A pleasing feature of Limerick is its brightness. As might be expected, many parts hitherto badly lighted at night, are now quite brilliant, while the use of electrical appliances is widespread.

On the other hand, there has also been an increase in the business of the Corporation gas undertaking.

With regard to unemployment, I believe that there are some three or four thousand men out of work.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

### PLANS FOR WORK AT DALKEY.

The Dun Laoghaire Borough Council have directed their Surveyor to prepare plans for the improvement of the narrow and dangerous thoroughfare at Bullock, Dalkey. The corner adjoining the grounds of Castlepark School and a bend on the Bullock side of the road are, it is stated, to be removed.

These improvements will straighten and give a greater breadth to what is regarded as a rather dangerous thoroughfare.

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## THE SWEEPSTAKE ON THE DERBY.

### NEW PRIZE SCHEME: THIRTY-FOUR HOSPITALS TO BENEFIT.

The arrangements for the sweepstake to be held on the Derby in aid of the Irish Free State voluntary hospitals are being carried through as soon as possible, so that the tickets will be available to the public by the first week of February.

Thus, the Hospitals Trust are undertaking the task of running two sweepstakes together. The reason for making such early arrangements for the Derby Sweepstake is that it is expected to total more than £1,000,000, and

Lord Powerscourt. Mr. FitzGerald-Kenney.

of this sum £250,000 will be available for distribution among the participating hospitals. Already applications for tickets for the Derby have been received.

The Derby does not take place until next June, so that there will be five months for the distribution of tickets, which, it is expected, will be sent to the farthest parts of the earth.

**GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE.**

The demand for tickets in the Grand National Sweepstake is growing day by day and exceeding all expectations, in view of the stringent regulations that are being enforced, which are working satisfactorily.

Within the last couple of weeks the staff at Earlsfort terrace has been greatly increased. The large new hall at the rear is now finished, and will accommodate about 400 girls. Additional staffs will, of course, have to be taken on when the distribution of the Derby Sweepstake tickets begins in February. By that time it is probable that the total staff will number between 1,200 and 1,500.

**NEW SCHEMES.**

The Hospitals' Committee has at present under consideration two new schemes for the distribution of prize money.

The first is that each £100,000 of the money allocated as prize money should be taken as a unit and first, second and third prizes, together with prizes to the nominations, should be given for every such unit, on the basis of 50 per cent. first prize, 15 per cent. second prize, 5 per cent. third prize, and 30 per cent. to be divided among nominations.

The second scheme is that the total prize money should be divided into three parts, and first- second and third prizes, etc., given for each part.

These proposals are still under consideration, though a decision is expected early next week. It is certain, however, that there will be a different system for the distribution of the prize money from those of the Manchester November Handicap and Grand National Sweepstakes.

The proportion of money to be allocated to the promoters has not yet been fixed, but it will also be made known next week.

The provisional details of the new arrangements have been placed before the Minister for Justice (Mr. FitzGerald-Kenney) by Lord Fowerscourt, the Chairman of the Hospitals' Committee, for his consideration.

Thirty-four hospitals are participating in the Derby Sweepstake, as against twenty-three in the Grand National Sweepstake. The Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin, has definitely decided not to participate in any sweepstakes. There is still a doubt as to whether one hospital will participate in the Derby Sweepstake, although its name has been included in the list given below.

**HOSPITALS PARTICIPATING.**

The following is the full list of hospitals that will participate in the Derby Sweepstake. The percentage figures, showing the proportions of the 25 per cent. of the total money received which will be given to the different hospitals, are open to amendment until a final meeting of the Hospitals Committee and the Minister for Justice approve of them.

| | Final Percentage. |
|---|---|
| DUBLIN : | |
| 1. Richmond | 6 |
| 2. Mater Misericordiæ | 4 |
| 3. Cork Street Fever | 6 |
| 4. St. Vincent's | 3 |
| 5. Meath | 6 |
| 6. City of Dublin | 7 |
| 7. Dun's | 6 |
| 8. Jervis Street | 4 |
| 9. Linden | 1 |
| 10. Temple Street | 4 |
| 11. Coombe | 6 |
| 12. Holles Street | 5 |
| 13. National Children's | 2 |
| 14. St. Patrick's | 2 |
| 15. St. Ultan's | 2 |
| 16. St. Michael's | 2.5 |
| 17. Dental | 1 |
| 18. Beaumont | 1.5 |
| 19. Cheeverstown | .5 |
| CORK : | |
| 20. North Infirmary | 4 |
| 21. South Infirmary | 3 |
| 22. Fever | 3.5 |
| 23. Erinville | 1.5 |
| 24. Dental | 1 |
| LIMERICK : | |
| 25. Barrington's | 2.5 |
| 26. County Infirmary | 2 |
| 27. Maternity | 2 |
| WATERFORD : | |
| 28. County Infirmary | 4 |
| 29. Maternity | 1.5 |
| 30. Portlaw | .5 |
| LOUTH : | |
| 31. County Infirmary | 2.5 |
| DONEGAL : | |
| 32. Shiel | 1 |
| WICKLOW : | |
| 33. Memorial | 1 |
| KILDARE : | |
| 34. Drogheda Memorial | .5 |
| Total | 100 |

In arriving at these percentages—although, as has been pointed out, they are not yet final—careful consideration has been given to—

(1) The fact that the Act was passed to assist those voluntary hospitals which are in financial difficulties, and was never intended for wealthy or rate supported hospitals.
(2) Some hospitals have large capital assets and big incomes from nursing homes, etc.
(3) Grants from public bodies.
(4) Present condition of hospitals—a most difficult matter to ascertain on a comparative basis.

Mr. Ruttledge, of Messrs. Ruttledge and McGinley, the well-known firm of Dublin solicitors, has been appointed solicitor to the Committee.

## MAN WHO LOST TWO FORTUNES.

### U.S. RUBBER MAGNATE'S BANKRUPTCY.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

*NEW YORK, Thursday.*

After a second fortune had slipped through his fingers since 1921, Mr. Francis R. Henderson, who, until last October, had been President of the New York Rubber Exchange for more than four years, lodged a voluntary petition to-day in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities as 180,674 dollars (about £36,000) and his assets as nil.

Mr. Henderson visited Singapore in 1918, and purchased the International Rubber Trading Company. He then organised the Henderson Forbes Company (Incorporated), a million dollars concern, operating in London and New York.

In the rubber crash in 1921 he lost his fortune, but steadily built it up again in the ensuing years. The fall of rubber last autumn to the lowest figure it has ever reached, followed by the inertness of the rubber market ever since, wiped out his second fortune like the first.

He has given no personal explanation of his failure, merely saying that he cannot meet his debts and has no assets.

## POLICE ACTIVITY AT FINGLAS.

### SEARCH OF MOTOR CARS AND OCCUPANTS.

On last Tuesday night there was considerable activity on the part of a large body of Civic Guards and detectives on the main road on the Dublin side of Finglas.

All motors passing along the road were held up at several points, and the occupants and the cars thoroughly searched.

No information was given as to the reason for this action, nor could any information be obtained from the Civic Guard authorities on inquiry in Dublin yesterday.

### "FIGHTING PARSON" ROUTS BURGLAR.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

*SAINT BONIFACE, MANITOBA, Thursday.*

The burglar who

# FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

## TONE AND COMMENT.

### DUBLIN IDLE.

### FUNDS STRONG.

Business was at a low ebb on Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, but with one exception, prices were all fairly well maintained. The Funds provided the brightest feature, with Second National Loan and Land Bonds the leaders in the rise. Dublin Corporation Stocks were buyers, and the price of the two 5 per cents. levelled up. Bank of Ireland, at last price, represented the business in Banks; and Great Southern Guaranteed, at 49, comprised the Railway section.

Alliance Gas repeated the last price, and the Debs. recovered ¼ of the dividend of 40s. just deducted. Guinness units continue to slip away, and closed at 109s. in a dull market.

The feature of the Industrial section was the sharp drop of 2s. 9d. in Courtaulds to 34s. Coats appeared to be sympathetically easier, but B.A.T. pulled up ninepence of the recent decline at 100s. 3d. Chemicals held the last price after initial weakness, and Unilevers also repeated the former quotation.

There is no fault to find with local Industrials. Bolands Ord. led with a rise of 2s. 9d. to 35s., and Artisans' Dwellings repeated 11s. Burke Debs. lost ½ at 8, and at this price return £7 8s. 6d. to a purchaser.

The repetition of the Distillers Company's interim dividend at 1s. 6d. per share had a good effect. For the past five years the interim has been 7½ per cent. (1s. 6d. per share). This has been followed by a final of 12½ per cent., making 20 per cent., less tax, for the year. From a highest last year of 71s. 3d. the shares fell to a lowest of 56s. 6d., and are now 59s. 3d., representing a yield on the basis of the former dividend of 6¾ per cent.

## LONDON IRREGULAR.

### ARGENTINE RAILS STRONG.

Underwriting was in progress yesterday for an issue of £1,000,000 4½ per cent. Stock by the Birkenhead Corporation. Redemption dates will be 1951-61, and the holders of the 5 per cent. Stock, due 1924-34, will have the right to convert. The amount of the 5 per cent. loan outstanding is £971,143. Cash application will also be invited at 99 per cent., of which 5 per cent. will become payable on application and the balance on May 4.

Dull conditions characterised British Funds during the early hours, but subsequently prices marked a good rally, and, with the exception of Consols 4 per cent., which closed ¼ easier at 91¾, the closing levels were the same as those ruling overnight. Little of interest transpired among Colonial Government Stocks. The Australian issues, however, were scaled down the turn here and there. Among foreign Government descriptions, Chinese marked some appreciable advances, while Poland Sevens scored a further gain of 2 points. Rather easier conditions were apparent among Home Rails, owing to the discouraging first traffic receipts of the year, and losses of ¼ were returned in several instances. The Preference issues, however, kept very firm. Among Colonial and Foreign Rails, Central Uruguay spurted sharply to 65½, or 5 points up, while B.A. Pacific and Canadian Pacifics each put on a point. "Leos," B.A.G.'s and Central Argentine Ordinary were other firm markets. There was no expansion of interest in the Industrial sections, and movements made an irregular showing. The International group was quiet, and little change in quotations occurred. Motors, however, met a moderate request. One of the most active markets in Industrials was Swedish Match. The shares were being sold in order to take up the new issue, and, although closing above the worst, they marked a substantial loss. Elsewhere Oils maintained a firm tone, and Mines generally displayed a satisfactory tendency. Rubber shares, on the other hand, moved against holders in several directions.

## DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active Stocks and Shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—**Consols**—57/8, 1/2, 11/16, 5/8, 15/16, 3/4, 15/16, 8. 5 p.c. **War Loan**—103½, 1/2, 11/32, 5/8, 15/32, 9/16. **Funding Loan**—94¾, 7/8. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—81½, 5/8, 11/16, 9/16, 11/16, 3/4, 5/8, 11/16, 23/32, 7/8; **do. 4½ p.c.**—101⅞, 9/16, 3/4, 11/16, 3/4; **do. 5 p.c.**—106⅜, 1/4, 3/16, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 3/8. **4 p.c. Consols**—91¾, 1/2, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4, 13/32, 7/16, 1/2, 27/32. **Free State Land Bonds**—98¾. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—75½, 3/4, 1/2. **Guaranteed Bread**—18/-, 19/-, 21/-, 10½, 15/3. **African and Eastern**—5/6, 7½d., 9d. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—17/-, 11¾d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—21½d., 2/-. **Associated Cement**—24/3, 4/3. **Associated Newspapers Def.** (4/-)—19/9, 7½d., 6d. **Bovril Def.**—36/3. **Brazilian Traction**—23⅜, 1/2, 1/4, 3/8, 5/8. **British-American Tobacco**—5, 1/2, 1/4, 19/9. **British Celanese**—7/3. **British Match Ord.**—2/3, 3/-. **British Oil and Cake**—28/11½. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—68¼, 7/8, 1/2, 7. **Cables and Wireless A**—21, 5/8, 1/2; **do. B**—12¼, 11¾, 12, 11¾; **do. 5½ p.c. Pref.**—67⅛, 3/4, 5/8. **Canadian Pacific**—45¾, 1/4, 5/8, 3/4, 1/2, 5/8, 1/2, 3/4, 3, 1/2. **Carreras** (z.d.)—55⅝, 3/8, 1/2. **Central Argentine Cons.**—56, 1/4, 3/4, 5/8. **Coats**—54/6, 55/-. **Courtaulds**—35/-, 34/9, 34/6, 6d., 4½d., 3d. **Crosse and Blackwell**—1 10½, 9d. **Cunard Ord.**—15/-, 14/9, 7½d., 6d. **"Daily Mail" Trust**—43/-, 3d., 6d., 2/9, 10½d. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—15/10½, 6¾d., 9d., 16/-, 3d., 15/7½, *16/3. **Dunlop Ord.**—11/10½, 9d., 7½d., 8¼d. **Dunlop "C" Pref.**—21/3. **Dunlop 6 p.c. Debs.** (z.d.)—103. **Dunlop Plantations**—20/-. **Ford Motors**—65/7½, 6/8. **General Electric**—46/-, 5/10½, 9d. **Grand Central Rubber**—11/10½, 3d. **Great Western Rail**—67⅞, 9/9, 8, 14, 7⅞, 3/4. **Great Western 5 p.c. Pref.**—95⅝, 3/8, 5/8, 1/2, 5/8. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—10¼, 1/4, 1/2. **Guinness Ord.**—109/3, 8/6. **Harrods Ord.**—8/6/-, 6/-, 7/-, 41/9d. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—23/9, 6/-, 7/-, 6/6, 6/9¾, 5/7½. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—102⅝, 3/4. **Imperial Airways**—16/10½, 17/1½. **Imperial Chemical Ord.**—18/3, 41¼d., 11¾d., 18/-. **Imperial Chemical Def.**—4/11¼, 5/2¼, 11¾d. **Imperial Tobacco**—94/9, 41¾d., 10½d., 8¼d., 5/-, 4/6, 5/3¾. **International Nickel** (dols.)—16⅝, 7/16, 9/16, 1/2. **Inveresk Paper**—6/-, 5/9. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—23/7½, 6d., 8¼d., 9d., *6d., 10½d. **Lipton Ord.**—*7/9, 4/3, *5/10½. **Lister Ord.**—10/3. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—32⅝, 1/8, 15/16, 3/4, 29¼, 15/16, 1/2. **London and N.E. Pref. Ord.**—17, 1/8, 16¾, 7/8, 15/16; **do. Def.-Ord.**—6¾, 1/8, 7/32, 1/16. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—95/-. **Marconi Marine**—5¾, 6d., 7. **Maypole Def.**—3/3¾, 6d., 3d. **Metropolitan Rail**—67⅛, 8. **Metropolitan District**—7¾. **Parent Ord.**—1/7½; **do. Def.**—3/0½. **Peruvian Corporation Pref.**—20¾. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—19/4½, 9d. **Provincial Cinema Theatres**—16/4½. **Roan Antelope**—15/11½, 14/9. **Rubber Trust**—22/10½, 6d. **Southern Rail Pref. Ord.**—65⅝, 3/4, 5/8; **do. Def.-Ord.**—22⅝, 3/4, 1/2, 5/8, 15/16. **Sudan Plantation**—36/3. **"Sunday Pictorial" Ord.**—42/9, 3/6, 9d. **Swedish Match "B"**—11⅛, 1/4, *3/4, 5/16, *12, 11⅛, 3/8, 7/16, 1/2, 13/32, 19/32, 5/8. **Tobacco Securities Ord.**—31/7, 19/6, 1/8. **United Dairies**—31/7½, 41/2d., 6d., 5d., 10½d., 2/-. **Unilever Ord.**—35/-, 3d., 5/6, 35/4½; **do. 7 p.c. Cum. Pref.**—23/10½, 9d., 4/-, 3d.; **do. N.V. Ord.**—38/11¼, 6/10½, 3d. **United Molasses**—15/4½, 11⅜d., 6d., 3d., 11¾d. **United Tanning Rubber**—2/3½. **Vickers**—7/-, 6/10½. **Vine Products**—6/7½. **Watney Combe Def.**—56/-, 5/6. **Westminster Bank** (z.d.)—*79/9, 7/9, 3d., 8/-, *7/9, 41¾d., 8/-, 7/-, 6d., 10½d.

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## COMPANY NOTICES.

### THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED.

15 Old Broad street,
London, E.C.2.
9th January, 1931.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors of The National Bank Limited will be held at No. 15 Old Broad street, London, E.C.2., on Thursday, 29th day of January, 1931, at 12 noon of that day.

At this meeting the Directors will submit their Report and Balance Sheet for the half-year to 31st December, 1930, and, pursuant to Clause 107 of the Articles of Association, three of the present Directors viz.,

Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde, Bart.,
Rt. Hon. The Earl of Kenmare, C.V.O.,
J. J. O'Connell, Esq.,

will go out of office by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act, 1929, Auditors will be appointed to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Charles Fox, F.C.A., Mr. David MacDonald, and Mr. Thomas Geoghegan, F.C.A., the present Auditors, who are eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

E. S. GOADBY, Secretary.

N.B.—The Books of the Bank for the Registration of Transfer Deeds (both in London and Dublin) will be closed on Monday the 12th day of January, 1931, and will so remain until after Saturday, the 24th day of the same month.

### ENGLISH SEWING COTTON COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Register of Ordinary Shares will be closed from JANUARY 17th to 31st, inclusive, for the Preparation of Dividend Warrants, payable 9th February.

A. F. BAYNES, Secretary.

## MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

*Thursday Night.*

**STOCKS AND SHARES:**

London irregular.

Dublin idle—Funds strong.

Birmingham Motors dull.

Manchester Textiles easier.

New York firm.

**MONEY:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank of England Rate | 3 | p.c. |
| Last Year | 5½ | p.c. |
| Irish Banks' Rate | 4 | p.c. |
| Ditto Deposits | 1½ | p.c. |
| London Day-to-Day Loans | 1½ | p.c. |
| London Fine 3 Months' Bills | 2 | p.c. |

## INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

### PRICES FLUCTUATE IN DULL TRADING.

### COURTAULDS DEPRESSED ON DIVIDEND FEARS.

Dull conditions, with irregular price movements, characterised the Industrial departments yesterday. Swedish Match continued depressed, but closed above the lowest. It was understood that the old shares were being sold in order to take up the new issue.

In the absence of fresh supporting orders from Wall street, the trans-Atlantic favourites developed an easier tendency. Hydro-Electrics lost a dollar at 24, with Brazilian Traction Common, Nickels and Radio Corp. all fractionally lower on balance. Columbia Graphophones gave way ⅛ to 1¼, and Gramophones (H.M.V.) lost the turn at 1¼, after being 1½.

Cables and Wireless stocks showed little variation, there being hardly sufficient business passing to really test quotations.

Thomas Tillings closed with a net advance of ⅛ at 4⅛. Fords opened around 3⅞, but reacted later to 3¾.

Electricals made a satisfactory showing on the whole.

Coal and Engineering descriptions remained quietly steady.

Courtaulds were marked down to the extent of ⅛ to 1⅛ on fears regarding the dividend due next month, and Grouts were offered at 14s. 6d. British Celanese 2nd Preference dwindled to 5s. 4d., with the rest of the Rayon issues dull.

Textiles lost ground in several instances. Fine Spinners gave way 9d. to 19s. 3d., with Bradford Dyers on offer at 20s. 3d., "Slubbers" at 35s. 3d., Calico Printers' Preferences at 9s. 1½d., and Listers at 10s. 6d. English Sewing Cotton reacted a trifle to 1½.

A little support was forthcoming for provision descriptions. International Tea advanced 4½d. to 19s. 9d., and Home and Colonial and Maypole Deferred hardened 1½d., the former to 14s. 9d. and the latter to 4s. 7½d. Tate and Lyle came back 3d. to 36s. 4½d.

Breweries moved within narrow limits. Distillers responded to the dividend declaration, closing buyers at 59s. 6d. Guinness, Ind Coope and Watney Deferred hardened a trifle.

Tobaccos seemed undecided.

Shipping shares kept steady with the exception of P. and O. Deferred, which encountered further liquidation. They finished ½d. down at 33s. 6d., while the Preferred gave way 1 to 94½.

Insurance issues were well maintained, the only change being a rise of ¼ in Phœnix £10 shares to 15½.

Irregular conditions prevailed in the Banking section. Lloyds recovered 1s. further to 60s. 6d., National Provincial £20 shares put on ¼ to 13½, and Barclays "A" gained ⅛ at 84. In the other direction, Bank of Australasia declined ¼ to 7½, and National of India ¼ to 40½.

Swedish Match "B" were again outstanding in the Miscellaneous section. They opened at 11¾, dipped to 11⅛, then rallied to 11¼, and left off ⅛ lower at 11⅜. The Rights were dealt in around 12⅛. 6d. Kreuger and Toll were finally ⅛ down at 21⅜. Lever Preference issues continued to make headway.

### RUBBER SHARES EXCITED.

Dealings remained on an extremely small scale in the Rubber share market, and, with commodity values only repeating the lower values of the previous day, slightly easier conditions were apparent in the share section. In the raw material section spot and January sold 4⅞d. per pound, February 4¾d. per pound, March 4⅞d. per pound, and April to June 4¾d. per pound.

### OIL SHARES UNCERTAIN.

The market in Oil shares was an extremely narrow one, there being little disposition on the part of the general public or of professional operators either to sell or buy. At the opening of the market a firm tendency prevailed. About mid-day Paris came in a seller of its favourites, and, while the offering was not in large lines, the shares came on an unwilling market and prices developed an irregular tendency, small only being taken at concessions in prices. The easier tone of the leaders led to slightly lower prices being quoted for the more speculative favourites, although it has to be admitted that in several cases prices were merely marked down owing to the paucity of business.

## BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

Movements in this week's Bank of England return are for the most part due to the return to normal conditions following the turn of last year. The most significant movement in this respect is the fall in bankers' deposits, which now stand at £68,874,566, as compared with last week's abnormal total of £132,449,530. The total gold holding has fallen as the result of the continued French demand by £1,713,457 to £146,557,914 which is lower than at the corresponding period last year by £2,658,955. The effect of this drop on the reserve has been more than offset by a contraction in the active note circulation of £5,296,057 to £363,504,599. The reserve is thus £3,583,510 higher on the week at £43,053,315, but is £3,239,782 lower than at this time in 1930.

The net reduction of nearly £60,000,000 in total deposits, and the rise in the reserve have resulted in a rise of 14.8 per cent. in the proportion of reserve to liabilities, which, at 37.3 per cent. compares with 36 per cent at the same date last year.

WEEK ENDED JANUARY 7, 1931.

| ISSUE DEPARTMENT. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Notes Issued: | | Govt Debt.... | £11,015,100 |
| In Circulation | £363,504,599 | Other Govt. Securities | 233,142,875 |
| In Banking Dept. | 42,411,670 | Other Securities | 11,477,127 |
| | | Silver Coin... | 4,365 098 |
| | | Amount of Fiduciary Issue | 260,000,000 |
| | | Gold Coin and Bullion... | 145,916,269 |
| Total | £405,916,269 | Total | £405.916,269 |
| **BANKING DEPARTMENT** | | | |
| Proprietors' Capital.... | £14,553,000 | Government Securities | £53,081,247 |
| Rest ..... | 3,476,044 | Other Securities — Discounts and Advances ... | 14,357,675 |
| Public deposits | 13,206,470 | | |
| Other deposits— Bankers.... | 68,874,566 | | |
| Other Accts. | 33,293,325 | Securities ..... | 22,912,481 |
| / day & other Bills ..... | 1,313 | Notes ..... | 42,411,670 |
| | | Gold & Silver Coin ..... | 641,645 |
| Total | £133,404,718 | Total | £133,404,718 |

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and at same date in the previous two years:—

| Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills) | 1931. £ | 1930 £ | 1929 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 363,504,599 | 362,921,772 | 369,517,787 |
| Public Deposits | 13,206,470 | 17,210,657 | 10,994,607 |
| Other Deposits | 102,167,891 | 111,275 367 | 104,304,663 |
| Govt. Securities | 53,081,247 | 60,885,615 | 57,736,655 |
| Other Securities | 37,270,156 | 30,366,704 | 30,655,786 |
| Reserve of Notes & Coin | 43,053,315 | 46,293,097 | 44,961,493 |
| Coin & Bullion | 146,557,914 | 149,214,859 | 154,479,280 |
| Reserve to Liabilities ..... | 37.3% | 36% | 39% |
| Bank Rate..... | 2% | 5% | 4½% |
| Clearings ..... | 675,16 | 544 | 861 |
| Clearinghouse Return | £ 929,991,000 | £ 915,439,000 | £ 913.925,000 |

### DECEMBER TIN OUTPUTS.

Lower Bisichi, 63 tons; Southern Tronoh, 341 tons; Southern Perak, 384 tons; Tronoh, 654 tons.

### MINING PROFIT.

Ashanti Goldfields Corporation—Estimated working profit, £40,601; estimated total profit for the month, £33,418.

## LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

### BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

| — | Closing. | Rise or fall. |
|---|---|---|
| Consols 2½ % | 57½ 58 | |
| Do. 4 % | 91¼ 91⅝ | – ¼ |
| War Loan 4½ % | 101 102 | |
| Do. 5% | 103¼ 103⅝ | |
| Do. 4% | 99⅝ 100 | |
| Funding Loan | 94⅛ 95¼ | |
| Victory Bonds | 96½ 97½ | |
| 3½ % Conversion Loan | 81½ 82 | |
| 4½ % Conversion Loan | 101¼ 101⅝ | |
| 5% Conversion Loan | 106 106½ | |
| Irish Free State 4½ % Land Bonds | 98 100 | |
| India 3% ..... | 54 56 | |
| Do. 3½ % ..... | 63 65 | |
| Do. 4% ..... | 88 90 | |
| Do. 5% ..... | 100½ 101½ | |
| Local Loans | 67½ 68½ | |
| Sudan 4½ % | 107 109 | |

### COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Australian Com. 5 p.c. | 77 82 | ..... |
| Do. do. 6 p.c. | 93 93 | ..... |
| British Columbia 4½ p.c. 1941 | 96 98 | ..... |
| Canada 4 p.c. 1940-60 | 93 95 | ..... |
| Cape 3½ p.c. Cons. | 84 86 | ..... |
| Ceylon 6 p.c. | 103 105 | ..... |
| N.S.W. 5 p.c. 1945-65 | 70 75 | ..... |
| Do. 6 p.c. 1930-40 | 97 99 | ..... |
| New Zealand 6 p.c., 1926-51 | 103 105 | ..... |
| Do. 5 p.c. 1946 | 101 103 | ..... |
| Nigeria 5 p.c. | 102 104 | ..... |
| Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-50 | 73 75 | –2 ..... |
| South African 5 p.c., 1933-43 | 100 102 | ..... |
| South Australian 5 p.c., 1922-42 | 76 81 | ..... |
| Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60 | 57 61 | –1 ..... |
| Victoria 5 p.c., 1932-62 | 76 81 | ..... |
| Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75 | 74 80 | ..... |
| Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75 | 76 81* | ..... |
| Do. 6 p.c., 1930-40 | 97 99 | ..... |

### BANKS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anglo-South American | 4½ | 5 | ..... |
| Bank of Australasia | 7½ | 8½ | –¼ |
| Bank of England | 265 | 270 | ..... |
| Bank of Montreal | 56 | 60 | + 2½ |
| Bank of New South Wales | 23 | 25 | ..... |
| Bank of New Zealand | 2½ | 2⅝ | ..... |
| Barclay's "A" Shares | 8⅛ | 8⅜ | +⅛ |
| British Overseas | 5⅛ | 5⅜ | ⅛ |
| Canadian of Commerce | 65 | 68 | ..... |
| Chartered of India | 16½ | 17¼ | ..... |
| Hong Kong and Shanghai | 104 | 108 | ..... |
| Lloyds | 59½ | 61 | + 1/0 |
| Midland | 9⅛ | 9⅝ | ..... |
| National Discount "B" | 9⅛ | 10⅜ | + ⅛ |
| National Provincial (£4 pd.) | 13½ | 14 | + ⅛ |
| Royal of Canada | 67 | 70 | ..... |
| Standard of South Africa | 13¼ | 14¼ | ..... |
| Union of Australia | 6¼ | 7 | ..... |
| Westminster Bank (£1) | 7⅝3 | 7⅝3* | ..... |

### FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Jan. 5.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ½2 | Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.... | 101 | 103* ..... |
| 99⅛ | Belgian 7 p.c. ..... | 108 | 110 ..... |
| 65½ | Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27 | 69 | 72 ..... |
| 89½ | Do. Funding 1908 ... | 90 | 95 ..... |
| 87½ | Do. 5 p.c. do. 1934 ... | 86 | 88 ..... |
| 87¼ | Chinese 4½ p.c. 1898 ... | 86 | 88 ..... |
| 51 | Do. 5 p.c. 1912 ..... | 51 | 53 +1 ..... |
| 67 | Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913 | 67 | 69 + ½ ..... |
| 78 | Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gold | 76 | 79 ..... |
| 30½ | Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 m.c ..... | 29 | 31 +1 ..... |
| 32 | Do. Tientsin-Pukow 5 p.c. ..... | 30 | 35 ..... |
| — | Czecho-Slovakia Bonds... | 110 | 112 ..... |
| 19¾ | Egyptian Unified ..... | 70 | 72 ..... |
| 20⅛ | French Loan 5 p.c. ..... | 20½ | 21* ..... |
| 20¾ | Do. 4 p.c. ..... | 20½ | 21* ..... |
| 100 | German 7 p.c. ..... | 99 | 101 ..... |
| 100¼ | Greek 7 p.c. ..... | 100 | 102 ..... |
| 18 | Italian Rentes ..... | 17 | 19* ..... |
| 101½ | Japan 4 s.c. 1905 ..... | 100 | 102 ..... |
| 13¼ | Mexican 5 p.c. 1899 ... | 12 | 15 ..... |
| 17 | Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas. | 16 | 19 ..... |
| 3½ | Peruvian Corporation ... | 3 | 3 ..... |
| 21 | Do. Pref. ..... | 20 | 22* ..... |
| 76 | Do. Debs. ..... | 75 | 79 ..... |
| 81 | Poland 7 p.c. Sterling... | 84 | 87 +2 ..... |
| 42½ | Portuguese 3 p.c. ..... | 41 | 43* ..... |
| — | Spanish 4 p.c. Red. Pref. | 35 | 40* ..... |
| 8¼ | Turkish Unified ..... | 7 | 9 ..... |

### OILS.

M.U.—Jan. 5.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31½ | Anglo-American ..... | 73/10½ | 74/10½ ..... |
| 10/7½ | Anglo-Ecuadorian ..... | 11/3 | 11/9 +0/1½ |
| 15/16 | Anglo-Egyptian "B" ... | 1/0⅝ | 1/1 ..... |
| 25/32 | Anglo-Persian Ord. ... | 2⅝/32 | 2⅝/32 –1/32 |
| 28/3 | Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.... | 28/3 | 28/9 +0/1½ |
| 29/6 | Do. 8 p.c. 2nd Pref.... | 29/4½ | 9/10½ +0/1½ |
| 12/3 | Apex Trinidad (5/- shares) | 12/0 | 12/6 +0/1½ |
| 19/6 | Attock ..... | 7/8 | 7/8 ..... |
| 5/0 | British Borneo Pet. (10/-) | 4/9 | 5/0 –0/3 |
| 4/6 | British Burmah (5/-) ... | 4/3 | 5/3 ..... |
| 1 4½ | British Controlled ..... | 1/4½ | 1/7½ –0/1½ |
| 7/6 | Do. Pref. ..... | 3/4½ | 3/7½ –0/1½ |
| 3 5/16 | Burmah ..... | 3⅜ | 3⅝ –⅛ |
| 27/3 | Do. 8 p.c. Pref. ..... | 27/6 | 27/6 ..... |
| 4/9 | Canadian Eagle Oil ..... | 6 7½ | 8/10½ ..... |
| 12/3 | Do. 7 p.c. 1st. Pref. ($5) | 12/6 | 12/6 ..... |
| 10/3 | Do. 8 p.c. Pref. ..... | 9/9 | 10/3 ..... |
| 2 10½ | Kern River (10/-) ..... | 2/9 | 3/3 ..... |
| 15¾ | Lobitos (£1) ..... | 1⅝ | 1½ ..... |
| 7/6 | Mexican Eagle Ord. ... | 7/6 | 7/9 ..... |
| 8/9 | Do. 8 p.c. Pref. ..... | 8/6 | 8/9 ..... |
| 3 1/16 | Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.(4 pesos) | 7/10½ | 8/4½ ..... |
| 0/6 | North Caucasian (10/-) | 0/3 | 0/9 ..... |
| 5/6 | Pan-American "B" ..... | 5/3 | 5/6 ..... |
| 6/10½ | Pinkerton Oil ..... | 6/7½ | 7/1½ ..... |
| 3/6 | Do. 1/- shares ..... | 3/1½ | 3/7½ ..... |
| 24⅞ | Royal Dutch ..... | 24¼ | 24½ –⅛ ..... |
| 32⅛ | Shell Transport. ..... | 32⅛ | 32⅜ –⅛ ..... |
| 10 | Do. 6 p.c. Pref. (£10 ... | 9 15/16 | 10 1/16 ..... |
| 23/6 | Do. 7 p.c. Pref. ..... | 23/3 | 23/9 ..... |
| 0/3 | Spies (£/-) ..... | 0/1½ | 0 4½ ..... |
| 5 4½ | Standard Roumana ..... | 5/0 | 5/0 ..... |
| 1 1½ | Tankers Pref ..... | 5/9 | 6/3 ..... |
| 7/8 | Trinidad Central ..... | 1/0 | 2/0 ..... |
| 1½ | Trinidad Leasehold ..... | 1½ | 1 15/32 –⅛ ..... |
| 1½ | United Pet. Dividend.... | 1/6 | 1/9 ..... |
| 11/32 | V.O.C. Holdings ..... | 1½ | 1 15/16 –1/32 |
| 17/32 | Do. 7 p.c. Pref. ..... | 1½ | 1⅝ ..... |

### RUBBERS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0/3 | Amal. Finance ..... | 0/3½ | ..... |
| 2/3 | Anglo-Dutch ..... | 2/0 | –0/6 ..... |
| 0 10½ | Anglo-Java ..... | 0/10 | ..... |
| 3/8 | Anglo-Malay ..... | 7/8 | ..... |
| 1/6 | Bukit Mertajam ..... | 1/7½ | ..... |
| 0/6 | Bukit Sembawang ..... | 0/9½ | ..... |
| 11 10½ | Grand Central ..... | 11/9 | 0/3 ..... |
| 1 | Highlands ..... | 1/8/9 | ..... |
| 9/7½ | Jugra Land ..... | 9/6 | ..... |
| 1 | Kuala Lumpur ..... | 20/0 | ..... |
| 1 1/16 | Linggi ..... | 13/4½ | ..... |
| 2 9 | London Asiatic ..... | 2/7½ | ..... |
| 25/32 | Malacca ..... | 15/0 | ..... |
| 16/3 | Malaglam ..... | 16/0 | –0/6 ..... |
| 1/3 | Merlimau ..... | 1/3½ | ..... |
| 1½ | Moopoh Valley ..... | 22/6 | ..... |
| 23/0 | Rubber Trust ..... | 22/6 | –0/3 ..... |
| 1 1/16 | Tandjong ..... | 12/6 | ..... |
| 15/0 | Tandjong Malim ..... | 14/4½ | ..... |
| 2 | United Sua Betong..... | 2/0 4½ | –0/7 ..... |
| 8/9 | Yallambrosa ..... | 3/2½ | ..... |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allagar ..... | 6/10½ | Tarax Deb. ..... | 40 ..... |
| Batu Tiga.. | 12/6 | Ledbury ..... | 14/9 ..... |
| Bernam Pref. | 7/0 | Manch'r N.B. ..... | 7/6 ..... |
| B.N.B. Ltd. Trst | 36½ | N. Haycep ..... | 0/3½ ..... |
| Do. Pref ... | 35 | N. Hummock ..... | 6/9 ..... |
| Broome Sel.. | 5/6 | P.P.K. (1/-) ..... | 2/6 ..... |
| Charcooree .. | 1/0½ | Petaling ..... | 1/0 ..... |
| Cicely ..... | 3/3 | Perak (2/-) ..... | 2/0 ..... |
| Eastern Trst.. | 10/0 | Rim Malacca .. | 1/1½ ..... |
| F.M.S. Plant | 17/6 | Sedenak ..... | 11/0 ..... |
| Golden Hope | 16/3 | Serdang (1/-).. | 0/3 ..... |
| Glenbervie .. | 8/1½ | Soember Ajoe | 17½ ..... |
| Golden Hope | 9/6 | Sungei K'tar. | 17½ ..... |
| Java Amal.. | 17/6 | Sungei Kipoh | 0/5 ..... |
| Kamunting.. | 2/3 | Taiping ..... | 1/0 ..... |
| Kepitigalla.. | 0/7½ | Telogorredjo.. | 10/0 –1/3 ..... |
| Kuala Sel.... | 2/3 | Yam Seng ..... | 1/4½ ..... |
| Laras ..... | 0/6 | | |

### REFRESHMENT AND FOOD.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18/0 | Aerated Bread ..... | 17/6 | 18/6* ..... |
| 37/0 | Bovril Def. ..... | 36/0 | 37/0 ..... |
| 1/10½ | Crosse and Blackwell .. | 1/7½ | 1/10½ ..... |
| 14/3 | Home and Colonial (4/-) | 14/6 | 15/0 +0/1½ |
| 4/0 | Lipton ..... | 3/9 | 4/3 ..... |
| 17/3 | Lovell and Christmas.... | 17/3 | 17/9 +1/3 |
| 4¾ | Lyons (J.) ..... | 4⅝ | 4⅝ ..... |
| 22/3 | Mackintosh (J.) Pref.... | 22/3 | 24/3 ..... |
| 4/9 | Maypole Def. ..... | 4/4½ | 4/9 +0/1½ |
| — | Scribbans ..... | 14/1½ | 14½ +0/1½ |
| — | Do. Def. (1/-) ..... | 1/10½ | 2/1½ ..... |
| 31/6 | Schweppes Ord. ..... | 1⅝ | 1 11/16 ..... |
| 1/3 | Smithfield Arg. Meats... | 1/4 | 1/9 ..... |

### SHIPPING.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| — | Cairn Line ..... | 3/6 | 4/6 ..... |
| — | Cunard Ord. ..... | 14/6 | 15/6 ..... |
| — | Elder-Dempster 6% Pref. | 1/0 | 3/0 ..... |
| — | Furness Withy ..... | 30/0 | 31/0* ..... |
| — | P. and O. Def. (£1) ... | 33/0 | 34/0 –1/6 ..... |
| — | Royal Mail Ord. ..... | 9 | 13 ..... |
| — | White Star 6½% Pref... | 5/0 | 7/0 ..... |

### TEAS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Assam Companies | 15⅛ | Imperial ..... | 1/16 ..... |
| Assam Co. ..... | 15⅛ | Jettinga Valley | 1/0 ..... |
| Assam Consol. | 2 | Jhanzie ..... | 2 1/16 ..... |
| Assam Frontier | 29/32 | Jokai ..... | 2 1/16 ..... |
| Beg'want'lawra | 27/3 | Jorehaut ..... | 2/6 ..... |
| Berell ..... | 20 0 | Kapan Devan. | 32/3 ..... |
| Brahmapootra | 32 | Lebong ..... | 1/0 ..... |
| Brit. Indian .. | 2/6 | Lungla ..... | 5/6 –1/32 ..... |
| Budia Tea ... | 37/0 | Makum ..... | 1/6 ..... |
| Ceylon Plant.. | 1/16 | Moabund ..... | 41/6 ..... |
| Ceylon Prop... | 41/9 | Nahorhabi ..... | 1/9 ..... |
| Charsola ..... | 11/32 | New Dimbula .. | 5/0 ..... |
| Chulwa ..... | 2/6 –1/16 | Nuwara Eliya | 3/6 –1/32 ..... |
| Chulna ..... | 3 1/16 | Surah ..... | 3 1/2 ..... |
| Con. Tea & Ld. | 13/6 –1/2 | Peacock & Nil. | 1/11 ..... |
| Darjeeling Co. | 2 1/16 | Pabojan ..... | 5 ..... |
| Do. Consol. | 3/6 | Pundaloya..... | 34/0 ..... |
| Denuel ..... | 13/3 | Rosehaugh Ord. | 25/6 ..... |
| Dimbula Val.. | 2/9 | Scottish Assam | 35/9 ..... |
| Doom Dooma .. | 2/6 | Scot. T. & In. | 2 1/16 ..... |
| Doors ..... | 2/6 –1/8 | Singlo ..... | 2 1/16 ..... |
| E. Assam ..... | 3/6 | Sumatra ..... | 32 ..... |
| ass. Produce | 3 | Travancore .. | 41/3 ..... |
| Empire ..... | 1/9 | Up. Assam .. | 47/0 ..... |
| Galaha Ceylon | 2/4 | | |

### TEXTILES AND ARTSILKS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| — | Alliance Art Silk (5/-)... | 0/3 | 0/9 ..... |
| 0/6 | Amalgamated Cotton ... | 0/3 | 0/6 ..... |
| 15/0 | Bleachers ..... | 14/9 | 15/9 ..... |
| 21/0 | Bradford Dyers ..... | 19/9 | 20/9 –0/3 ..... |
| 7/6 | British Celanese Ord. ... | 6/9 | 7/0 ..... |
| 8/0 | Do. Pref. ..... | 8/0 | 8/9 –0/1½ ..... |
| 8/0 | Calico Printers ..... | 7/6 | 8/6 ..... |
| 2/6 | Canadian Celanese ..... | 2½ | 2/9 ..... |
| 54/6 | Coats ..... | 54/0 | 55/0 ..... |
| 12/32 | Courtaulds ..... | 1 23/32 | 1 25/32 –3/32 ..... |
| — | Linen Thread Ord. ..... | 1 3/32 | 1 7/32 ..... |
| 10/9 | Lister Ord. ..... | 10/0 | 11/0 –0/3 ..... |
| 7/0 | Snia Viscosa ..... | 6/6 | 7/6 ..... |

### MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5/6 | African and East. Trade | 5/3 | 6/3 ..... |
| 24/6 | Associated Cement ..... | 23/9 | 24/9 –0/3 ..... |
| 21/9 | Associated Electric ..... | 21/3 | 22/3 +1/3 ..... |
| 1/3 | Baird Television Pf. Ord. | 10½ | 1/4½ ..... |
| 10/3 | Borax Con. Def. ..... | 9/9 | 10/9 ..... |
| 22/6 | Brazilian Traction ..... | 22 | 23¼ –¼ ..... |
| 5/16 | British-American Tobacco | 4 15/16 | 5/3 ..... |
| 1½ | British Aluminium ..... | 29/6 | 30/6 +0/1½ ..... |
| 6/9 | British Inter. Pict. (5/-) | 6/9 | 7/3 ..... |
| 24/0 | British Match Ord. ..... | 23/9 | 24/6 ..... |
| 2/3 | British Portland Cement | 2 1/16 | 2/6 ..... |
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## DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

### BANKING RESULTS.

**NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK.**

After making provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of discount on current bills, the profits for the year ended 31st December, 1930, were £1,930,854, and £849,254 was brought forward. A final dividend of 9 per cent., making 18 per cent. for the past year, less tax, is declared. £100,000 is placed to pension fund. £100,000 is placed to bank premises account. £200,000 is placed to contingencies, and £673,814 is carried forward to 1931. Last year dividend same, but bank premises account received £200,000, as against £100,000 this year. Net profit for 1929 was £2,189,704.

**MARTIN'S BANK.**

The directors announce that the net profits for the year ended 31st December, 1930, of Martin's Bank, Ltd., amounted to £793,551, to which has to be added £132,132 brought forward, making £925,682. The directors have declared a dividend for the half-year ended 31st December, 1930, at the rate of 16 per cent. per annum, subject to deduction of income tax, being at the same rate as that declared at this time last year, payable 29th January, and have transferred from profits to provision for contingencies £150,000, leaving £110,076, balance of profits, to be carried forward to next account. A comparative table show :—

| | 1929. | 1930. |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Net profit ..... | 836,239 | 793,550 |
| Brought in ..... | 111,499 | 132,132 |
| Available ..... | 947,738 | 925,682 |
| Dividend amount ... | 665,606 | 665,606 |
| Dividend rate ..... | 16 p.c. | 16 p.c. |
| To premises ..... | 100,000 | Nil. |
| To reserve ..... | 50,000 | Nil. |
| To contingencies ... | Nil. | 150,000 |
| Forward ..... | 132,132 | 110,076 |

**NORTH OF SCOTLAND BANK.**

Dividend at the rate of 18 per cent. per annum, less income tax, for the half-year ended December 31, 1930 (making, with the interim distribution, 18 per cent., less tax, for the year), (Same.) The Board has allocated £50,000 to reserve fund, which now amounts to £1,165,000.

**UNION DISCOUNT COMPANY OF LONDON.**

Dividend at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum, less tax, for the half-year ended 31st December last, and a bonus of 2s. 6d. per share, free of tax, for the year 1930; forward about £299,000, against about £269,000 brought in. Dividend and bonus are the same as for the year 1929.

**COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA.**

Interim dividend for six months on Preference at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and interim dividend for six months at 12½ per cent. per annum on Ordinary. (Last year the interim was at rate of 15 per cent per annum on smaller capital.)

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS CORPORATION, LTD.—Final dividend for the year ended September 30, 1930, 6s per cent. on the 1,250,000 4/- shares, less tax, making a total dividend for the year of 100 per cent., against 65 per cent. in 1928-29 and 55 per cent. in 1927-28. The directors recommend that the reserve account, which at the date of the last balance sheet stood at £250,000, be capitalised to the extent of £125,000, and that the capital of the Corporation be increased by this amount. It is then proposed that the 625,000 shares of 4/- each thus created should be issued to members registered on January 17, 1931, as fully-paid bonus shares, in the proportion of one bonus share for every two shares held.

APEX (TRINIDAD) OILFIELDS.—The report of the directors of the Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields, Ltd., for the year ended September 30th last confirms the profit figures, dividends, etc., announced in the recent preliminary statement. The production of crude oil during the year amounted to 425,036 tons, and the oil in storage at the commencement of the year was 5,959 tons, a total of 430,975 tons. The production compares with 414,328 tons for the previous year, and was obtained from 122 wells. Deliveries to refineries and used on the property amounted to 426,742 tons, and 4,233 tons were in storage at September 30th last. The continued general fall in the market value of oil materially reduced the prices realised from the sale of the production, and resulted in a considerable reduction in the company's oil revenue.

CONSOLIDATED AFRICAN SELECTION TRUST.—Interim dividend of 9d. per 5/- share (15 per cent.), less tax. This is a reduction of 6d. per share (10 per cent.) on last year's interim, which was followed by a balance dividend of 35 per cent., making 60 per cent. for the year.

CHARTER TRUST AND AGENCY.—Dividend on the 5 per cent. Pref. Stock at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended 30th November, 1930, and of a final dividend on Ord. at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum for the same period, making 16 per cent. for the year, both less tax; £9,765 forward.

CENTRAL BAHIA RAILWAY TRUST.—The trustees have declared the following dividends for the half-year ending the 31st inst.:—£4 per cent. per annum, on the "B" Certificates £1 10/- per cent. per annum, both less tax.

DEBENTURE CORPORATION.—Further dividend of 6 per cent. on Ord., making 10 per cent. for year, leaving to be carried forward £14,430. (Same dividend as last year.)

DISTILLERS CO.—Usual interim dividend on the 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. Shares, and an interim dividend on the Ord. Shares of 1/6 per share (7½ per cent.), less tax. (Same.)

GERRARD WIRE-TYING MACHINES CO.—Third interim dividend of 5 per cent. actual (20 per cent. per annum), less tax, on account of the year ending 31st March, 1931.

LOVELL AND CHRISTMAS.—Dividend on the Pref. Shares at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for the six months ended 31st December, 1930. No interim distribution on the Ord. Shares.

NEW YORK AND GENERAL TRUST.—Final dividend of 5 per cent., less tax, on Ord., making 10 per cent., less tax, for the year ended 3rd January, 1931.

NEWTONIA WALLPAPERS.—Report for fourteen months ended August 31, 1930, states that loss on trading was £2,149. Result of adjustments, after bringing into account balance of profit and loss account from last year, is an adverse balance carried forward of £29,884.

SINGAPORE TRACTION CO.—Dividend of 8 per cent. less tax on the 7 p.c. Cum. Pref. Shares on account of arrears.

TAIPING RUBBER.—Dividend of 2½ per cent., less tax. (Last year 7 per cent.)

TRANSATLANTIC GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST.—Final dividends of 2½ per cent. on Pref. Stock and 11 per cent. on the Ord. Stock (making 17 per cent. for the year), and 3/1 per share on 36,655 New Shares, all less tax.

UNITED MATCH RESULTS—United Match Industries, a company formed in 1928 with a capital of £175,000 to acquire the manufacturing business of E. H. King and Co., at Bishop's Stortford, reports a trading loss of £8,738 for the year to 31st October, including various amounts written off depreciation and expenses, together with £11,347 written off investment in E. H. King and Co., the deficit is increased to £36,220. The adverse balance is reduced to £35,545 by the profit of £1,575 earned in the initial period. The directors report that the building and equipment of the new factory at Bishop's Stortford have now been completed, and the new factory is in production. A comprehensive statement of the operations for the year will be given at the meeting. Sir Cecil Trafford, Mr. Edgar Jacquard Mayer and Mr. Leslie David Botibol were co-opted to the Board during the year. The balance sheet shows an issued and paid-up capital of £163,846, after deducting 1,154 shares forfeited, in respect of dividend on the Preferred capital of £138,846 total £21,025. Forfeited shares account stands at £3,523, and creditors at £5,572.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH.—Quarterly dividend of 32 per share (same) on Common Stock.

### TASMANIAN WOOL SALES.

Twenty-one thousand bales were submitted at the wool sale held at Hobart. A good clearance was effected. A feature of the sale was the demand for quality merinos, the highest price obtained for which was 29½d., compared with 34d. last year. There was strong Japanese demand, while France was not so strongly represented as at last year's sale, and Bradford demand was weak. Top prices realised for merino were a penny lower than last year, and for comeback and crossbred up 3d. lower. Compared with the Australian rates, however, prices showed an improvement of about a halfpenny.

MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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Of Shorthorn Bulls, Dairy Bulls, Aberdeen-Angus, Friesian and Hereford Bulls; also Pure-bred Pigs, and an Exhibition of Stallions.

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## FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

*Dublin—Cattle steady trade and dearer tendency, Sheep and Lambs 2/- to 5/- a head dearer, Dairy Cattle steady, Pig supply larger and prices maintained. York—Slow trade for Irish Stores. Birmingham—Pigs good demand. Butter 5/8 lower at Copenhagen. Tin steady. Copper lower. Rubber dull. Wheat dearer.*

**CATTLE.**

DUBLIN (Metropolitan). — Again our cattle supply showed a big increase, there being 4,581 beasts on offer, or 507 more than last week. There was no falling off in the attendance of buyers, which included all leading cross-Channel men, some of whom did not arrive until this morning, owing to the shipping being held up by fog. The generally healthier and firm tone of trade for the past few weeks was again well maintained. In fact, for the choicer grades of small-weighted beasts terms may be considered a shade firmer and freer, without being actually quotably dearer, unless in exceptional cases. Cross-Channel demand was fairly steady, and, although looked for at less money, prices were generally no lower than last week, and offtake probably a shade larger, as inquiry from Scotland was much better, while London buyers were more active in their selections of strong bullocks, and trade in this direction proved satisfactory on the whole.

| | Numbers on sale this week | compared with last. | Corresponding weeks of 1929. | 1930. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beasts ..... | 4,581 | Increase 507 | 4,432 | 5,095 |
| Sheep and lambs | 7,313 | Increase 1,013 | 6,981 | 6,947 |
| Veal calves... | 2 | 1 | 4 | |

Both local and Northern cattle buyers were early bidders for suitable heifers and steers, and, for right character animals, previous top prices were more freely paid, and for fancy or supergrade exhibits a little more money was forthcoming. The show of stall-fed cattle in point of finish and quality was satisfactory, while there was a fair number of outfeds on offer, but were mostly of poor or rough class. In the beef cow department there was a good selling trade, and more taken for cross-Channel, particularly for Lancashire, while Northern buyers were more active, but values generally show no change from last week. Bulls were more in evidence, and were cashed satisfactorily, particularly the fleshy sorts. On the whole, the market was firm, and the sell-up was accomplished early at: Best medium-weighted Shorthorns, stall-feds, 42s. to 43s. and 44s. 6d., with A.A. crosses making 45s. to 45s. 6d. cwt.; heavy heifers and bullocks, 40s. to 43s. 6d.; others from 39s. to 41s.; out-feds, 34s. to 38s.; extra, 40s.; beef cows, 30s. to 35s. cwt., best; others, 18s. to 26s.; and bulls 30s. to 35s. cwt.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—There was a very representative gathering of local and cross-Channel buyers in attendance on this market, and, although supplies were 1,013 head more than last week, trade worked out very well, and all classes of sheep found buyers at dearer rates, particularly hoggets of good class and nice weights. Ewes were also in demand, and for the right sorts suiting butchers there was a better inquiry at more money. Wethers of choice quality were scarce and wanted, and lambs of the hogget class were easily cashed at 3s. to 5s. per head dearer, and market fairly well sold up in buyers favour at:—Mutton 9½d. to 10½d. lb. (very fancy a shade more), other classes 7d. to 8½d. lb.; hoggets 53s. to 80s., extra 83s. 6d., poor classes down to 45s. per head; wethers, best 65s. to 66s., extra 75s. to 77s. 6d., inferior down to 45s.; ewes 55s. to 60s., extra 65s. to 68s., other classes from 35s.; and hogget lambs, best 48s. to 55s., extra 60s. per head; others from 25s. to 37s. 6d. each.

DAIRY CATTLE.—There was a smaller number of cows on the market—viz., 226 head. Buying was fairly good for all choice animals available, but were few in number, and for those prices were fully up to those of last week; but for the bulk of supply, which was of poor or secondary class, demand was weaker—in fact, some of the small sorts proved unsaleable, while secondary cows were fully 20s. per head cheaper and a doubtful finish at the following:—Best cows £24 to £27 and £29, and for something extra, where found. £30 and £31; heifers, best £20 to £24 and £26, secondary sorts £16 to £18 and £19, poorer classes from £11 to £15 per head.

PIGS—The gathering of swine was of good average class and dimensions, totalling 1,280 head, or 268 more than last week. There was a big attendance of buyers, including pork butchers, owners and shippers, and trade proved steady, at a repetition of last week's prices. Heavy pigs continue in demand, and are readily cleared, while light sorts, although not so much in demand, were, nevertheless, cashed at prices fully up to those of last week. Sows are not too plentiful, and ample for demand, while slips and bonhams, of which there was a lighter supply, continue to sell erratically. Sales—Pork pigs, under 6 stone, 96s. to 100s. and 104s.; 7 to 8 stone, 86s. to 90s. and 92s.; medium bacon pigs, 78s. to 82s. and 84s.; heavier, 66s. to 74s. Sows, 50s. to 55s. per cwt.; slips and bonhams, 20s. to 40s. each.

YORK.—Fairly large show of Irish store cattle, mostly of good quality. Trade was slow, but late rates were fully maintained. Fair entry of English stores. Rather more dairy cows, and good demand for young fit animals, which maintained recent prices. Small show of sheep, fair quality, with slow trade.

BRISTOL.—Owing to dense fog prevailing since Monday morning supplies of cattle discontinued and extremely late. Prices ruling about the same as last week.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Supplies still limited, and a good demand at firmer rates. Quotations:—Sizeable bacons, 13/6 to 14/-; cutters, 14/6 to 15/-; and sows now wanted, mainly 10/6 per score dead weight.

DONNELLY, DUBLIN.

Pigs under 5 stone... 100/- per cwt., dead-weight.
" " 6 " ... 96/- " "
" " 7 " ... 88/- " "
" " 8 " ... 80/- " "
" " 10 " ... 76/- " "
" " 13 " ... 72/- " "
" " 14 " ... 64/- " "
" " 15 " ... 56/- " "
Sows and Heavy Pigs 48/- " "
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**GRAIN.**

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—Cargo market quiet and prices irregular. Manitobas being best value. Parcels of Manitobas being taken for 4/d. per qr. advance, but other sorts 3d. per qr. lower, White Pacific, January, sellers 27/-; No. 1 Northern Manitoba, Vancouver shipment, January, 24/10½; No. 2 ditto, 23/7½; Australian afloat, also loading and January, 24/-; West ditto, loading, 24/-; New South Wales, January, 24/-; Victorian, January, 24/-. Parcels the turn dearer for Canadian, but Australians and Plates rather easier on sellers' offers. No. 1 hard Manitoba, January sellers 25/10½; No. 1 Northern Manitoba, January, 25/3; No. 2 ditto 24/7½; Roumanian, 23/4½; January, 21/-; February-March 20/9½ ditto, 23/4½; January-February, 21/3; February-March, 21/3; Australian afloat, 24/-; West ditto, January, 24/-; Victorian new crop, February, 24/-; Russian, on sample, afloat, 18/6 to 21/6 per 480lb. Futures firmer, following firm North American cables, but business restricted. Quotations at 1.15 p.m., per qr. of 480lb.—Manitoba, prade January, 21/9½; March, 21/11½; May, 22/3½; after 24/- paid; London grade, February, 20/5; April, 20/8. MAIZE—Cargoes dull, and tendency easier. Plate January, also February, sellers 16/-; March, 16/3. Parcels quiet and easier on weak Argentine opening cables. Plate afloat sellers 15/11½; January-February sold 15/3; February-March sellers 15/3; March-April, 16/-; new April-May, also May-June, 16/3. To Bristol Channel, Plate, February-March sold 15/9 per 480lb. BARLEY quietly steady. Parcels—Danubian, January-February, sellers 14/6; Persian, January and February, 13/3; Russian afloat, also loading, 14/-; No. 3 Canadian Western, January, 15/9; Plate, January, 13/- per 400lb.; Californian, superior January-February, sellers 26/6; Chilian forage f.a.q., old crop January-February, 24/- per 448lb. OATS maintained. Plate, new January, also February, sellers 9/6; March, 9/7½; April, 9/9 per 320lb.

MANCHESTER.—English wheat, 25/- to 26/- per quarter on rail. Cheshire oats steady at 5/- to 5/6 on rail. Feeding barley 15/3 to 15/6 per 400 lb. ex elevator. English beans quiet at 27/6 to 28/- per quarter on rail.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—Spot steady; fair demand for Russians. MAIZE—Spot steady. River Plate, 58/-. FLOUR steady, moderate request. GRADED WHEAT FUTURES, after advancing 4d. to 1d. during early trading, owing to better Winnipeg market and adverse Argentine weather reports, afterwards gave way, and fluctuated fairly, at one time being 4d. to 4d. under previous night but closed 4d. over yesterday. Sales—250 loads. Values—March, 4/4½; May, 4/4½; July, 4/6. Parcels—Wheat No. 1 Manitoba January sold 24/3. Maize afloat and February-March 15/6, January-February 15/4½.

**PROVISIONS.**

CARDIFF.—Despite the diversion of shipping owing to the miners' strike, the market remains generally steady. Wholesale quotations, delivered in Cardiff district:—BACON—Irish baled unaltered at 80/- to 90/-, Danish 65/- to 69/-, Canadian Wiltshires and American not on offer. HAMS—American rather easier at 90/- to 100/-. BUTTER.—No Irish on offer; Danish 147/- to 151/- per cwt. EGGS again cheaper; Irish hen, best 15/6 to 19/6 per 120. POULTRY—Chickens 10d. to 1/1, hens 7d. to 8d. per lb.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—Continental supplies being held up by fog, and with a fair demand, especially for Danish, full official prices realised. Irish quietly steady; American dull and easier; Cumberland bellies reduced 1/-. HAMS quiet, favouring buyers. Shoulders scarce and nominal. LARD on the spot scarce; fair demand for American refined at 6d. advance, 81/- to 85/-. CHEESE quiet and unchanged. BUTTER slow of sale at 1/- to 2/- decline. EGGS quiet and partially easier; Irish, extras, 18/6 to 19/9; selected, 17/6 to 17/9.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Supplies to market 2,160 tons, 640 tons British and Irish produce and 1,540 tons imported. With the exception of beef, which was in fair demand, all descriptions of meat met a slow trade, with late rates difficult to maintain. BEEF (national mark) prices—Irish long sides (Birkenhead-killed) select 5/6, ditto prime 5/2 to 5/4, ditto good 5/- to 5/2. General prices (including national mark)—Irish long sides (Birkenhead-killed) 4/10 to 5/6, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank kosher, 5/4 to 5/10; Irish 6/- to 7/-. PORK—English, under 10st., 7/6 to 8/4; ditto 10st. to 15st. 6/8 to 7/8, ditto 15st. to 20st. 6/- to 6/8, ditto over 20st. 5/- to 5/8. Irish 6/4 to 7/8, ditto heavy 6/- to 6/4, ditto suckers 7/4 to 8/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE—Generally supplies were good, and, with plenty of buyers in attendance, sales were well supported at steady prices, with Swedes and mangolds in request at decrees rates. Early sell-up at:—York cabbage 40/- to 50/-, extra 60/- per large load, smalls 15/- to 25/-, Savoy, large, 35/- to 50/-, extra 60/-, small 20/- to 30/-, cauliflowers scarce at 4/- to 5/- doz for best; Carrots 1/9 to 2/- doz., celery 1/- to 2/- extra 3/- to 4/6 bunch, sprouts 2/6 to 3/-, float Swedes 1/6 to 1/9 cwt., table 1/10 to 2/1, mangolds 1/4 to 1/6 cwt., mint and thyme 3d. bunch, and white turnips 10d. to 1/- bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO—No improvement in demand, which is fair. Supplies continue light, but ample at last day's values, namely, 5/3 to 5/6 per cwt. for best.

COOK BUTTER.—The market continues steady. Creameries, 140/- per cwt.

COPENHAGEN.—BUTTER is quoted at 218 kroner per 100 kilos, which is equivalent to £6 2/3 per cwt., being a decrease of 5/8, compared with the previous week.

DUBLIN FISH—Demand fair for the improved supply on market, which was made up of the following:—9 chests lobster, 250 packages herrings and a heavy supply from usual country and local senders. Prices satisfactory, except for herrings, and clearance made at:—Lobsters 15/- to 25/- per 15, large mediums 10/- to 12/6, smalls 2/6 to 5/-; soles 30/- to 40/- per 9 pairs, large mediums 15/- to 17/6, slips 8/- to 7/6, turbot 6d. to 10/- each, brill 6d. to 9d. each, herrings 4/- to 9/- box, pighe 20/- to 65/- per half-box, cod 20/- to 40/-, whiting 12/6 to 22/6, haddock 20/- to 25/-, and ray 12/6 to 22/6.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Soles, 18d. to 26d.; slips, 18d. to 24d.; lobsters, 16d. to 27d. per lb.; live eels, 18/- to 23/-, dead 8/- to 20/- draught; turbot, 15/- to 16/-; brill, 1/- to 14/-; plaice, 9/- to 14/-; halibut, 15/- to 17/-; lemon soles, 13/- to 21/-; whitches, 8/- to 14/-; cod, 6/- to 8/-; whiting, 4/- to 6/-; bake, 11/- to 14/-; skate wings, 5/- to 7/-; haddocks, 3/- to 8/- per stone.

**PRODUCE.**

LONDON.—SUGAR—There was a steady trade demand at recent higher prices. Market shows firm features generally, and dearth of sellers still marked. Terminal section higher, with business curtailed owing to receive of holiday. March sold 6/3½, May 6/5, August raw sold 6/5½ to 6/7½ and 6/7½ to 6/8½, December 6/9 to 6/11½ and 7/-. COFFEE—Auctions postponed owing to darkness preventing a proper inspection of samples. COCOA—Spot unaltered, with fair inquiries, especially for Accra. About 500 bags sold 31/- to 32/-, forward steady. Accra 6/8 January-March to Continent 28/- c.i.f. Terminal—March sold 29/9 to 29/6, May 29/6, December 31/-. Sales—90 tons. RUBBER without new feature; general tone quietly steady. Sheet spot and January sold 4 5-16d., February 4½d., March 4 5-16d., April-June 4½d., July-September 4 9-16d., October-December 4 11-16d. TEA—Java and Sumatra auctions of 11,383 packages accorded good supports in the main at mostly steady prices, fine qualities at times marked certain irregularity, but finest realised high rates. Pekoe sold 8½d. to 10½d., broken to fetch ditto 3½d. to 1/5, Pekoe Souchong 8d. to 9d., orange Pekoe 10d. to 1/2, broken orange 9d. to 1/9½, fine 2/- to 2/1½, finest 5/1½. JUTE—After showing steadiness the market towards the close assumed a quieter tone, and only moderate sales resulted at easier rates. Firsts December-January to Antwerp sold £15 2/6, January-February, £15 2/6, February-March £15 2/6, February-March £15 2/6 March-April £15 5/-, April-May quoted £15 7/6, lightnings January-February sellers £13 17/6, hearts ditto sold £15, daisee sellers £14, and tossa January-February sold £14 15/- and March-April £15 c.i.f. SHELLAC—Market dearer. T.N. spot 72/6, March sold 66/-, 65/6, closing buyer 67/-; May sold 66/- to 68/-, and buyers December-January (also January-February) steamers sold 61/6 to 63/6.

OILS.—Linseed easier forward. Spot sellers 20/6, January 17/5, January-April 16/10½, May-June sold 16/10½, September-December sellers 17/3. Rape quiet; crude spot 29/-, refined 30/6. Cotton steady; crude Egyptian spot 21/6, common edible 25/6, decolorised 27/6. Castor steady. Palm spot 24/-, drums January-February 24/-, Galle ditto 23/6. Turpentine firmer; American spot 55/3, February-April 56/- per cwt. Resin firm; common market dull and prices easier, with sellers inclined to press. Calcutta to London January-February (also February-March) £12, new April-May £10, bold Bombay to London January-April £10, new March-April £10 12/6, Plate to Hull January-February (also February-March and March-April) £8 12/6, April-May £8 13/6. Rapeseed steady; Toria to Hull/Continent January-February (also February-March and March-April) £10 10/-. Cottonseed firmer and sellers reserved on higher advices from Alexandria. Egyptian bids—January-February sold 18/9, February-April £5 17/6, white January £5 13/9, February-April £5 12/6, Bombay January-February (also February-March) £4 15/-. Groundnuts firmer and sparingly offered. Undecorticated machined January (also February and March) £9 17/6, April £9 18/9 per ton.

LIVERPOOL.—COFFEE—Spot firm. Sellers asking 6/3, basis parcels January-February shipment. COCOA—West African spot slow. Fine fermented Accra unchanged, 30/-. Sales—Good fermented Accra afloat and December-January sold 28/6 Continent. Lagos unchanged. COFFEE irregular. RICE—Burmah store quiet, 11/6 to 12/-. HEMP—Manila active, but weak. RICE BRAN quiet. January-February, 70/-. SUGAR firm. Sellers improved inquiry. Spot £15 10/- to £16, January-February shipment £14. LINSEED quiet. January-March shipment River Plate, £8 13/9. PALM OIL tending dearer. Near afloat sold £20 10/- cash 5/-. PALM KERNEL in sellers' favour. January-February, £10 12/6. OIL CAKES slow sale. RUBBER—Para hard fine spot, 1s. 6¼d.; plantation spot, 43½d. TURPENTINE—Spot firm. Spot American 57/6. Tate and Lyle—Crystals—Ones, 21/9. Granulated—Standard, 19/9; yellows, thirds, 19/6.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

MANCHESTER HAY AND STRAW.—Steady supply and demand at unchanged prices. General quotations:—Licolnshire tye straw on rail, £5 to £5 5/-; Cheshire, £4 10/- to £4 15/-; oat straw, 65/-; wheat straw, 65/- per ton, all delivered Manchester.

## LONDON METALS MARKET.

**TIN STEADY—COPPER LOWER.**

TIN—With sellers more in evidence, a weaker market resulted, despite higher Eastern cables, and a moderate business transpired. Officially, however, values marked an advance of 17/6 to 20/- per ton for cash and 20/- forward on balance. Standard, cash, quoted £120 10/- to £120 2/6; three months, £121 10/- to £121 12/6; settlement price, £120. Sales amounted to 500 tons; cash, at £121 to £120 5/-; three months, £123 to £121 10/-; English ingots quoted £121 10/- to £122 10/-. In the East 250 tons reported sold on the basis of £127 7/6, c.i.f. terms. COPPER in fair support, but, with sellers to the fore, prices moved in a downward direction. On balance cash was officially marked down by 16/3 and forward 10/- per ton. Standard, cash, quoted £45 15/- to £45 17/6; three months, £45 6/3 to £45 7/6; settlement price, £45 6/-; 500 tons changed hands; cash, at £45 10/-; three months, £45 10/- to £45 3/- and £45 5/-; electros, £48 10/- to £49 10/-. WIRE bars, £49 10/-. LEAD—Market generally steady, with moderate dealings; 450 tons sold; good soft foreign pig, March, at £14 5/- to £14 7/6; April, £14. Sellers; settlement price, £14 7/6; English quoted £15 15/-. SPELTER in better support at easier rates, with liberal offerings; 700 tons sold; January, at £13 5/- to £13 1/3; February, £13 10/- to £13 7/6; March, £13 15/6; April, £14 2/6 to £13 12/6; May, £13 15/-; settlement price, £13. ANTIMONY firmer, and sellers more reserved in face of a better demand, afloat parcels being readily absorbed; January-February, £25 10/- to £45; Chinese regulus, spot, £26 10/-; January-February, sellers at £25, buyers £24; Chinese crude, January-February, sellers at £15, buyers £14 10/- per ton, c.i.f.; Hunan ore, January-February, £25 10/- per ton, c.i.f.; antimony ore, 60 per cent., January-February, 3/2; ditto 50 per cent., 2/9 per unit, c.i.f. WOLFRAM steady, with buyers more in evidence; Chinese, January-February, sold at 13/6 per unit, c.i.f. ALUMINIUM, QUICKSILVER, and TIN PLATES unaltered. Second session—Tin quiet; 200 tons sold; cash quoted £120; three months sold at £121 5/-, £120 10/-, and £121 7/6. Copper easy; 300 tons sold; cash quoted £45 5/-; three months sold at £45 5/-, £45 7/6, and £46 5/-. Lead dull; 200 tons sold; good soft foreign pig, March, £14 7/6; April, £14 7/6 to £14 8/9. Spelter slow; 100 tons sold; April, £13 11/3.

## LUBRICATING AND FUEL OILS

**PRICES AT PRINCIPAL PORTS.**

LONDON.—Fuel oil, furnace, .950 gravity, £2 10s.; Diesel, £3 2s. 6d.; bunker, .950 gravity, £2 10s.; Diesel, .910 gravity, £3 5s. per ton in tanks, Thameshaven and Purfleet. Gas oil, 51d. per gallon ex ocean installation. Lubricating oils—American pale machine £9 5s. to £14; heavy red, £10 15s. to £15; light red, £9 10s. to £12 10s.; cold test filtered cylinder, £18 to £22 10s.; filtered cylinder, £15 to £22; .600 dark cylinder, Pennsylvania £14 10s. and Western £10; .650 dark cylinder, £16 10s. per ton, less 2½ per cent. discount, barrels free.

NEWCASTLE.—Heavy fuel oil, in barrels, £5 12s. 6d. ex installation £3 7s. 6d.; light fuel oil, in barrels £6 5s. and in bulk £4; Diesel, for bunkers, in barrels £6 5s. and in bulk £4 per ton. Gas oil, under 500 gallons 5¼d., 500 gallons and over 4½d. per gallon.

AVONMOUTH.—Ordinary fuel oil, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation (from barges 2s. 6d. extra).

LIVERPOOL.—Ordinary fuel oil, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation.

CARDIFF.—Ordinary fuel oil £3 10s.; Diesel, £4 5s. per ton in bulk ex barge.

GLASGOW.—Ordinary fuel oil, naked for bunkers, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation. Lubricating oil, .885/90 gravity, £9 7s. 6d. per ton.

HULL.—Heavy fuel oil, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Heavy fuel oil, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel oil, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation.

MANCHESTER.—Heavy fuel oil, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation.

BARROW.—Heavy fuel oil, £3 7s. 6d.; Diesel, £4 2s. 6d. per ton in bulk ex installation.

The following foreign quotations are all ex installation in bulk:—

NEW YORK.—Fuel oil, $1.15; Diesel, $2.00 per barrel.

BATON ROUGE.—Fuel oil, $1.00; Diesel, $1.80 per barrel.

BUENOS AIRES.—Fuel oil, £3 2s. per metric ton.

ISTANBUL.—Fuel oil, $12.50 per ton (long).

## *Custom House Dock.*

*A BUSY SPOT ON THE LIFFEY.*

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The Custom House Dock is unknown ground to most of Dublin's citizens. Few of them know what a hive of industry is there. The Custom House Dock has many uses. A hundred hands are employed there, most of them skilled workers. There is a big bottling industry carried on at the dock. Large quantities of spirits, etc., are reduced, filtered, bottled, labelled, capsuled, packed in cases and distributed for the principal wine and spirit merchants of Dublin. About 50,000 bottles are dealt with in the course of a year.

Large quantities of grain are reconditioned there; tea is blended there, and an expert staff is constantly employed in "bringing to account," i.e., handling, examining and weighing, for the purposes of the Revenue, the 13,000 enormous casks of toba co stored in the dock. The stock of tobacco is constantly passing out in large or small consignments, and being replenished by new shipments to Dublin. Much other work provides men with regular employment, and, on occasions, they are augmented by casual employés, numbering up to another hundred. The dock is both a shop and a workshop.

### THE DOCK.

The Custom House Dock is owned by the Port and Docks Board, which, by foresight and enterprise, has increased the business there. It was built over a century and a half ago, being at one time owned by a private company. The dock comprises 27 acres of ground, with and without buildings. In it there are eight separate buildings, each approved for the storing of whiskey, wine, foreign spirits, tobacco, matches, wireless apparatus, saccharine, films, sugar, and canned and dried fruit. There are also transit sheds for the landing of goods from cross-Channel and foreign steamers. The value of goods, including duty, costs, usually stored at dock is estimated at £6,000,000.

The 13,000 great casks of tobacco constitute the most remarkable feature of the dock's storage. This, Mr. Alfred Hughes, the general manager, described as "The Free State's Pipe of Peace," "because," he said, "we have sufficient stock in these warehouses to give every man, woman and child in the Free State an ounce of tobacco a week for a year, and think of the soothing effects." As a fact, the deliveries from the warehouses amount to 8,200 casks in a year. Since the Free State came into being there has been a marked increase in revenue from tobacco. To meet this, the Port and Docks Board built additional tobacco warehouses, and purchased a fleet of six-ton motor lorries, by which the tobacco is delivered to its various destinations. The clearances of tobacco last year amounted to £2,250,000. In 1926 the Board embarked on the building of new tobacco warehouses in anticipation of the increased revenue. Before the completion of Warehouse "Stack A" the necessity of additional accommodation was foreseen, and Warehouse "Stack F" was begun. Both are now well filled.

### SECOND TO NONE.

Mr. Hughes said that the Board would have to look for further accommodation, and that this was largely due to the direct trade into this country. He also told, with pride, of the visit of Mr. Clarke, of Messrs. William Clarke and Sons, a tobacco firm which was established in England at the time of the change of Government in Ireland. Mr. Clarke visited the Custom House Dock and inspected the tobacco warehouses. He said to Mr. Hughes: "I must congratulate you on Stack A warehouse. It is second to none built in America. I have gone over them all, and I am more than agreeably surprised to find such a warehouse built in the Free State."

Each of the 13,000 casks of tobacco contains from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds weight, and the duty on each of them runs from £400 to £450. Most interesting is the process of bringing these big casks "to account"—that is to say, enabling the Revenue officers to see what each cask contains, what it weighs, what it holds, and to state whatsum in duty must be paid to the Government.

"To obtain this account," said the general manager, "the Shannon scheme comes in again." He pointed to electric machinery with which the warehouses are fitted, transporters by which one man and a button can lift and shift from one place to another 1,000 lb. casks of tobacco. By this means the ...ks for account are transported into the presence of two Revenue officers. The Board's men place the casks on scales, remove the cases entirely, and, when the Government officials have weighed them and assessed the values, the tobacco, which has swollen during its release from confinement, is put back in the cases and packed down with electric presses. The top is nailed on and bound down with iron bands. The case is then transported to the department whence it will be delivered to the merchants' orders by means of a huge electric gantry on to one of the Port Board's motor lorries to be conveyed to its destination.

### THE LIVE STOCK BUSINESS.

Another side of the Port Board's business, which has been developed at the Custom House Dock, is the facilities afforded for dealing with cattle, sheep and pigs prior to export. Last year the number of animals passing through the lairages on these premises to shipping was 50,290 head of cattle, 27,289 sheep, and about 900 pigs. On the import side, among the goods discharged in the dock from various vessels were about 1,500 tons of bricks, 400 tons of bolts, and 4,500 tons of cement. During last year over 200,000 tons of coal were discharged. The amount of clearances in wet goods—that is, whiskey, wines, brandies, gin, etc.—and dried fruit, was about £200,000. Some years ago the duty, when far lower, on wines and spirits ran to over £300,000 in twelve months. The falling off Mr. Hughes attributed to the excessive duty and the wave of temperance which has gone across the country. "Because of the cost," he said, "at one time a man thought nothing of a glass of whiskey. Now he does, and thinks twice."

In 1900 the duty on a proof gallon of whiskey was 11s. In 1920, and now, it was, and is, 72s. 6d. a proof gallon. In 1900 there were twelve working distilleries in Ireland, which purchased annually from the Irish farmer nearly a million barrels of barley. To-day there are three part-time working distilleries, whose requirements scarcely exceed 50,000 barrels. The smaller breweries have fallen into decay from similar causes. In 1913 the duty on a barrel of porter was 7s. 9d. It rose to 110s. in 1920, and was retained at that figure by the Free State Government, with the result that the barrel of Irish porter which in 1914 cost 26s. 8d., to-day stands at £5 10s. 3d.

### THE "BANQUET HALL."

These references to porter reminded Mr. Hughes of an immense storehouse, 250 feet long and 153 feet wide, where thousands of parcels of hops are stored for Messrs. Guinness and Son. "This building," he said—looking so cold and unanimated to-day—"is the bonded warehouse of Mr. Scovell, who lent it for the great banquet to the Crimean war veterans, which was yesterday described in the *Irish Times*. It is still called the "Banquet Hall," and is known only by that name to everybody here. The iron girders which were for the occasion painted brilliantly in red, white and blue have not been painted since. If it were a brighter day you could see the colours."

## STORE CATTLE SALES.

**MESSRS. GAVIN, LOW, LTD.**

The number of cattle at yesterday's sale was small and few lots of outstanding merit were in evidence. There was a fair attendance of buyers,

## HIGH-CLASS MODERN FURNITURE AND PIANOS, AUCTION TO-DAY, 12.30, AT 29 BACHELOR'S WALK, COX'S AUCTION ROOMS.

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### DOMESTICS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2.

WANTED immediately, young Girl, train as Cook General; house parlourmaid kept; must be experienced; duties to commence at once.—Apply Mrs. Bishop, Whitemall, Arborfield, Berks. 7 E

WANTED, Cook General, to care dairy, R.C., in Co. Wicklow; small couples and wages expected. Address "Z 2550, Cook General," this office. 7 F

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Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Poultry Correspondent says:—

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